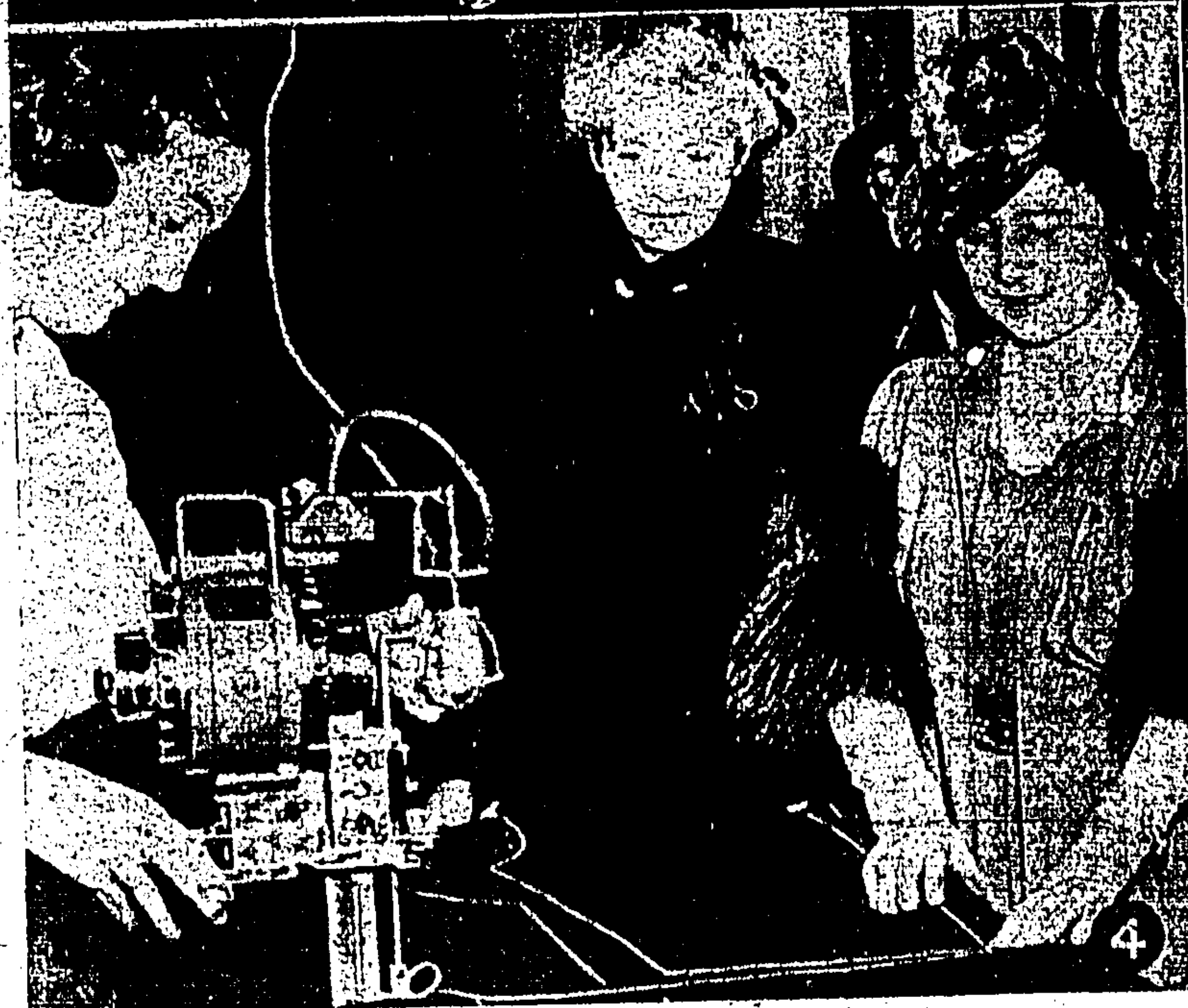


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Busiest Woman In The World



Queen Elizabeth, like Queen Mary, is one of the busiest women in the world. Ordinarily, the greater part of her days are taken up with various social duties, but since the declaration of war, the calls upon her time are innumerable. There are no national women's organisations to-day that she has not either visited or in some way shown her interest in them, and she also takes a special interest in those regiments of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. These photographs show some of her more recent activities. In picture No. 2, the Queen pays a visit to an A.R.P. Warden's Post. No. 3 shows Her Majesty visiting the headquarters of the Girl Guides Association and greeting Madame Malkowska, founder of the Polish Post. In picture No. 4 Queen Elizabeth visits the Central Hospital and Supply Service for the British Red Cross and a visit to a British Red Cross depot finds her chatting with nurse flag sellers in picture No. 5. (Fox Photos).

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The official table. From left to right are Mr. Hobson, Mr. H. A. Beard, Chairman of the Dance Committee, Mr. D. M. Mitchell, Chairman of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, Mr. Ford and Mr. Barham.

Referees Hold First Dance

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association held their first dance at Hotel Cecil on Good Friday, and the pictures on this page show some of the many parties attending.

(Staff Photographer)



Messrs. Ford and Beard, First Division referees, may be seen on the left of this group.



Another one of the many parties noted.



A threesome which includes Mr. C. B. M. Gibson, who has since left the Colony, and Mr. H. A. Beard.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Ely Culbertson

"DEAR Mr. Culbertson: Last night I played in a match-point with my wife and a hand turned up that caused a memorable battle which is still raging. I have decided to let you tell us who was to blame for the atrocious contract we finally reached. Sitting South, I do not feel that I was entirely to blame. "East, dealer. "Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S-Q 9
H-None
D-A K 9 8 6 4
C-K J 10 7 4

WEST

EAST

S-6 5 3 S-A 10 3
H-J 4 3 H-K Q 9 6 5
D-Q 10 7 3 2 D-J 5
C-8 2 C-A 6 3

SOUTH

S-K J 8 7 4
H-A 10 8 7 2
D-None
C-Q 9 5

"The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 heart	1 spade	Pass	3 diamonds
Pass	3 spades	Pass	4 clubs
Pass	5 clubs	Pass	6 spades
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

"My wife claims that my first bid should have been one no trump and, failing to show heart strength then, I must bid three no trump over her forcing three diamonds. She says she went to a slam thinking all my strength was in the black suits. The

play was bad, as I went down four tricks—one more than I should have. However, when we marked the score on the traveling sheet we found that the majority of tables had wound up with bids of five or six diamonds or spades, one redoubled, going down four tricks, and two others the same as we were. I did not feel quite as bad then, as there are many pretty fair players in the group. Please comment.

"N.E.B., Wisconsin."

The difficulty in this hand arose largely from a psychological factor that one finds constantly at work around the bridge table. I refer to North's reaction from South's rebid of spades. Obviously, North was a victim of "wish fulfillment," i.e., she wanted to believe that South's spade suit was a strong rebiddable suit, hence did believe it. She overlooked what so many other players overlook—that after a forcing bid partner may be in a position where the least of evils is to rebid a suit that he would not voluntarily rebid.

In this specific case South was somewhat up against it when North forced with three diamonds. He might bid three hearts, but this would be highly ambiguous to North, who might read it as a mere announcement of heart control, not as a legitimate five card or longer suit. Three no trump was out of the question, just as one no trump over East's opening bid would have been an atrocious call. To bid no trump at any stage of the bidding, when holding 5-5-3 distribution, is usually one of the worst crimes in bridge. North should have been quite satisfied with the contract of five clubs.



In order to render them easily visible in the black-out, new lighting equipment has been provided for use by Salford policemen when on traffic control duty. Surmounting the policeman's helmet is an aluminium device bearing the word "Police" in large letters. The constable, who wears a long white coat, carries in his pocket a four-volt dry battery which is connected to the device on the helmet. By switching on, the officer illuminates the device. In his hands he carries red and green headlamps with which to control traffic and help the pedestrians. It has been decided to use this system at all the important traffic junctions in London. (Copyright, Fox).

SPILLING THE MUSTARD

Many a misunderstood married man gets into difficulties through a little miss understanding.

A prehistoric skeleton has been found in Etruria, Italy, its legs wrapped around its neck.

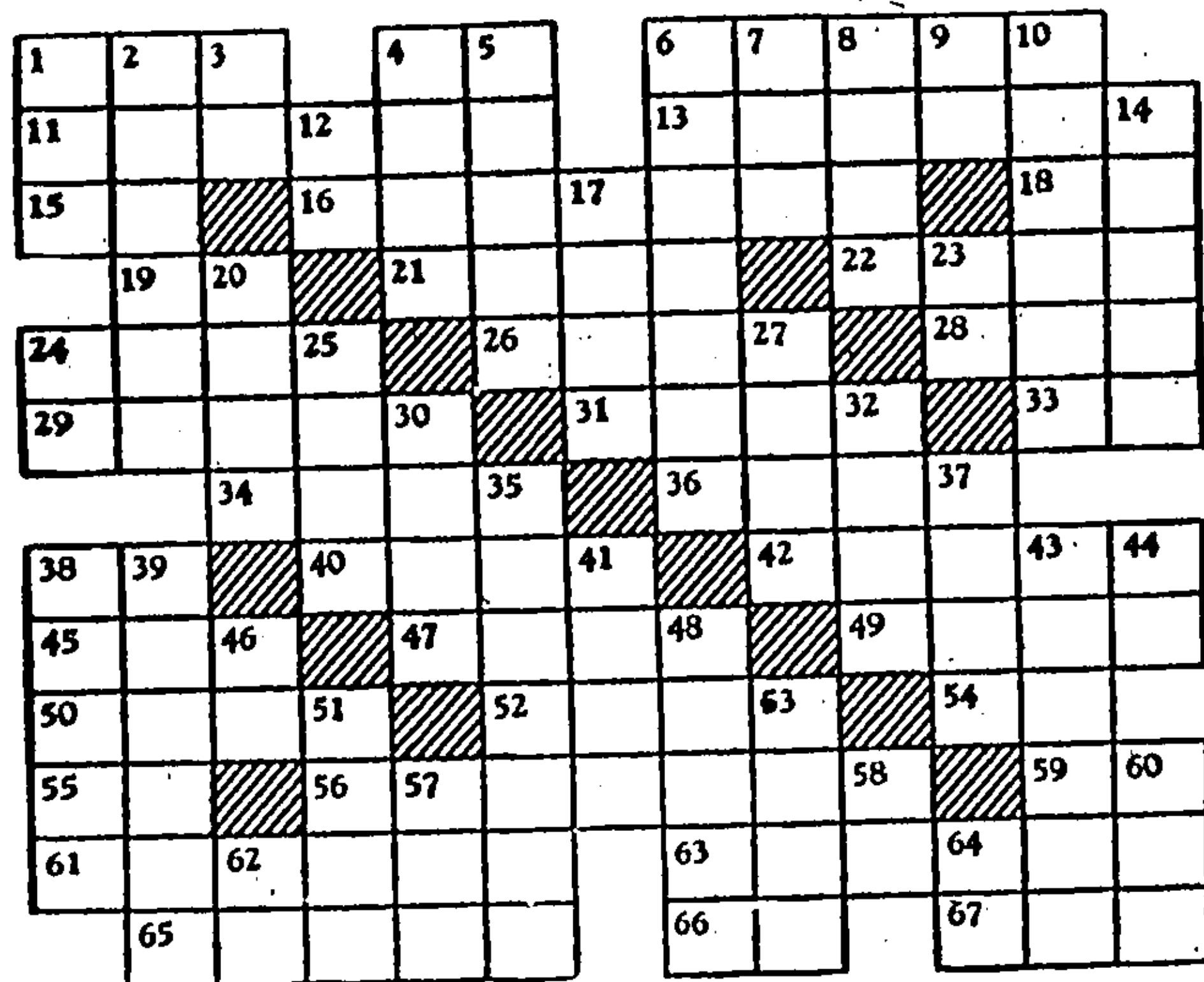
This would seem to indicate that the rumble seat is older than we had supposed. ! !

The reason why some heads lack wisdom is because they leak at the mouth.

Soldiers get a raw deal. They are hired to stop bullets, and when they stop one they lose their job.

In youth we endeavour to get a new thrill; in later life we try to recapture the old one.

SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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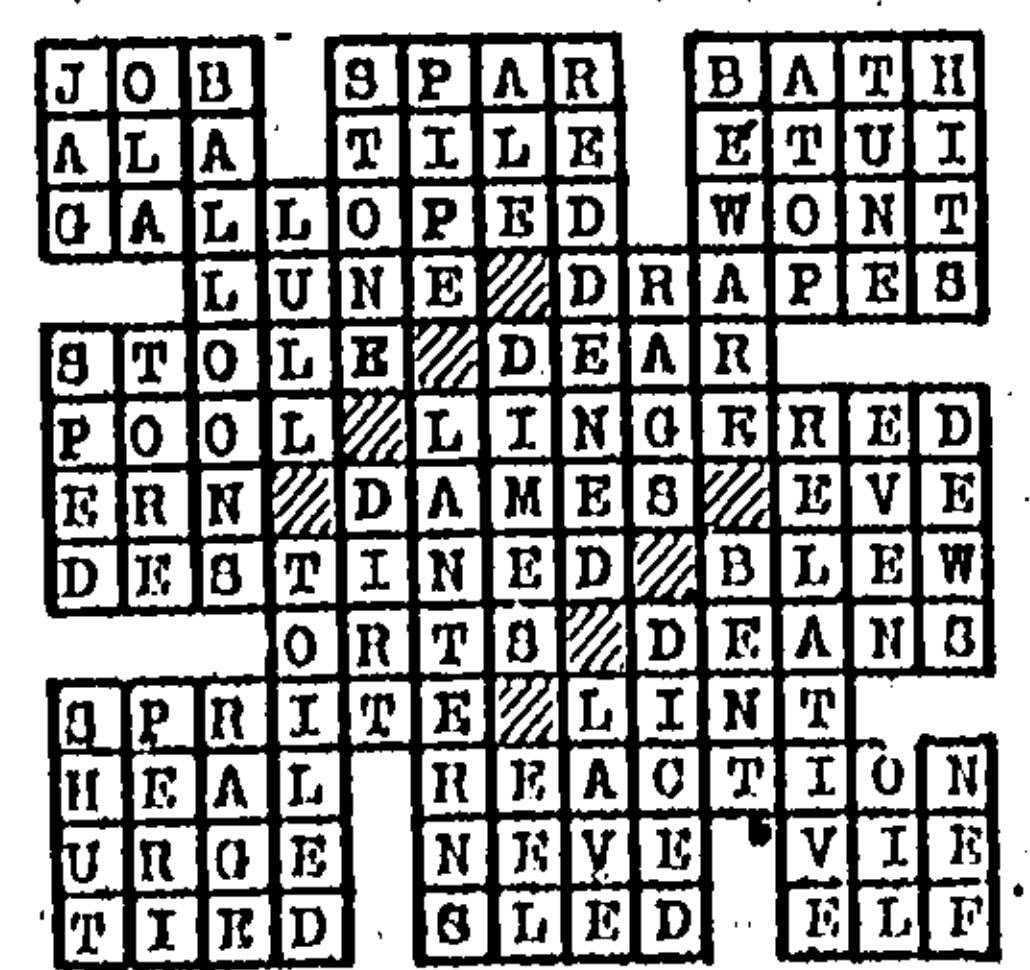
- 1 Macaw
- 4 Preposition
- 6 Wild
- 11 To wait
- 13 Engaged
- 15 By
- 16 Decrees
- 18 Brother of Odin
- 19 Preposition
- 21 To dissolve
- 22 To pang
- 24 Propels
- 26 Steeps
- 28 Pronoun
- 29 Inclination
- 31 Japanese coins
- 33 Archaic pronoun
- 34 Sustenance
- 36 Specicles
- 38 Pronoun
- 40 Goddess of discord
- 42 Rafters
- 45 French coin
- 47 British street car
- 49 Musical piece
- 50 Innuendo
- 52 War god
- 54 Nook
- 56 Spanish article

- 56 Makes sorrowful
- 59 Note of scale
- 61 To connect
- 63 Drudge
- 65 Ventures
- 66 Compass point
- 67 Room in harem

VERTICAL

- 1 Wing
- 2 Ceremony
- 3 Article
- 4 To name
- 5 Command
- 6 Danted
- 7 Poetic; nightfall
- 8 To grate
- 9 Since
- 10 Frivolity
- 12 To withdraw
- 14 Murky
- 17 Beverages
- 20 British baby car
- 23 Sloth
- 24 Bone
- 25 Dagger
- 27 One affecting superiority
- 30 Sharp
- 32 Proof-reader's mark
- 35 Intemperate speeches
- 37 Hindu garment
- 38 To lead
- 39 Stained
- 41 Carnelian
- 43 Colned
- 44 Exclamation
- 46 French article
- 48 Confronts
- 51 Autocrat
- 53 Frozen vapour
- 57 Consumed
- 58 Spanish for "yes"
- 60 Babylonian god
- 62 Note of scale
- 64 Behold!

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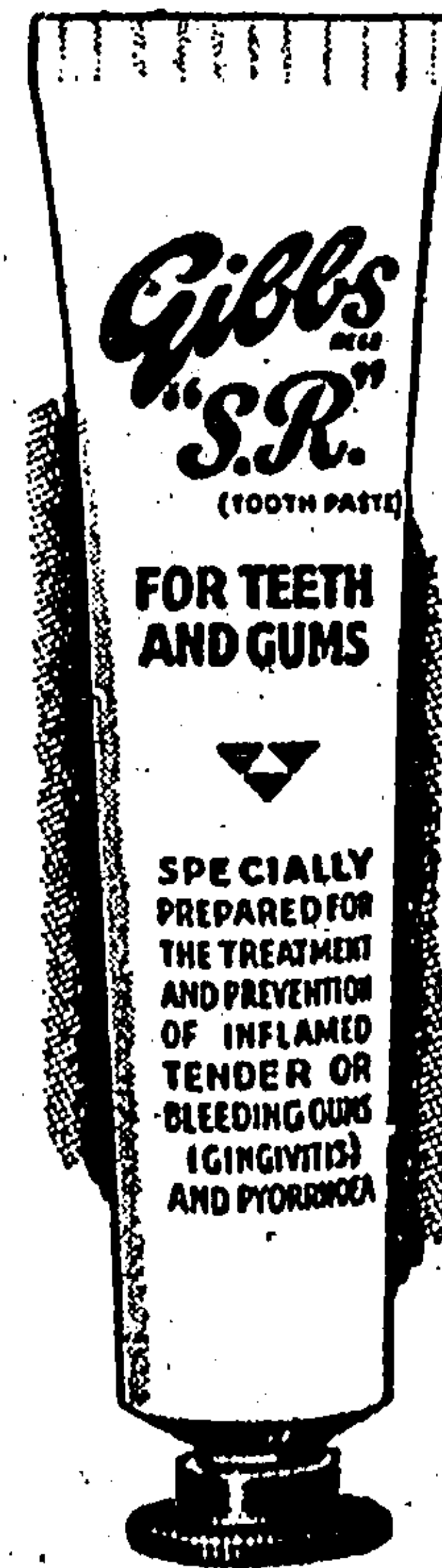
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Hair Stylists and Milliners Co-operate

Skull caps will be the key to new designs in millinery. That means your hair will be dressed smoothly over the crown, says Patricia Lindsay.

ABOUT the most welcome news, I can bring women throughout the land is that hair stylists and hat designers have decided to co-operate this spring! So now when you put your head into the hands of a salon-barber you may be assured that he will dress your hair so you will be able to wear the latest bonnets. That is, unless the fellow you choose is so much the individualist that he cannot bear to conform to the agreements of his profession. That will be your hard luck. Early indications are that spring hats will be small but will hug the shape of the head instead of sitting over one eyebrow as they did last spring. In other words the old skull cap will be the key to new designs. Veils, flowers, berries, feathers and material twists will, of course, create the smartness all women shop for.

That means, your hair will be dressed smoothly over the crown, with curled bangs, or high curls, in front, and a soft neckline. Because summer is approaching you will find short loose curls at the nape of the neck, or long hair twisted up in flat sleek rolls. Girls who want to wear long bobs may do so, providing they are under twenty-five and do not mind being hot around the neck!

CONDITION OF YOUR HAIR

You should want your hair to be in the best condition in spring, for summer's activities and sunning is bound to rob it of beauty and health. And please don't make the mistake of rushing to get a new permanent wave if your hair needs reconditioning. You will be a regretful lass for the next six months if you do.

First of all, weekly reconditioning treatments for one month are in order, daily brushings are necessary and a reshaping of your hair should be done before it is curled and not afterward. If you live in the south and have gone around without a hat, or have swum a lot, your scalp is unusually dry and your hair is



This is a sleek coiffure for the woman who wishes to wear smart hats. It may be combed out softly for evening wear.

likely to be lacking in elasticity. If you live north, the constant wearing of hats, steam heat and lack of sufficient exercise have all conspired to rob your hair of its natural loveliness. So when spring comes determine to bring back the life and beauty of your neglected hair before you get it styled, or before you shop for your Spring bonnet.

STYLES FOR OLDER WOMEN

One milliner told me that she depends upon the women who are over thirty-five to keep her business

alive. "Younger girls like to go without hats, or wear inexpensive models they pick up in department stores, but the woman over thirty-five is hat conscious. For her I design most of my hats, and I find that the sleek coiffures which follow the shape of the head, with fetching sculptured curls clustered where they are needed to flatter the face, are the coiffures which set off hats with a dash. Too youthful hair-dos on the woman past thirty-five, never look smart. They are humorous!"

Capitalise On Timidity!

"If you want to prejudice a man in your favour, you must become embarrassed before him," said Nietzsche, the old philosopher. But, of course, there is a limit!

If you are one of those who lament: "I shut up like a clam in general company. I'm too timid to open my mouth," you will be amused by the unusual and excellent advice of Loren Carroll who wrote, "Conversation, please."

"If you are a timid wallflower," he asks, "why don't you capitalise on your handicap? Timidity may be a decorative quality, rather than a fault. The fault consists in concealing timidity. When we are flustered we force ourselves to become aggressive. So relax. Go right on being timid. You might even confess it aloud occasionally. There is only one danger to this: if you avow it openly you might lose your timidity and thus lose one of your most attractive qualities!"

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Another consolation to the timid was given by Harold Nicolson who said: "A man who is not shy before thirty will be a crashing bore before forty."

HOW TO CONQUER ACUTE TIMIDNESS

Of course there is a limit even to attractive timidity, and I know timidity is a serious problem with many of my readers. You do not want to sit like a dummy while others converse gaily—you want to express yourself and be listened to and have others glad that you are in the party. Well, Mr. Carroll sug-

gests this method of conquering your shyness.

"Start by revising your general attitude. You cannot do this if you sit fidgeting in your chair trying to get up enough nerve to talk. Resolve that in your next five conversations (when you are out socially) you will say no more than politeness requires. Then, instead of fretting about your own shyness you will be free to listen to others. Listen and watch! You will discover that others show traces of timidity. The gustiest talker present may, by his very welter of words, be concealing his lack of poise. The best talkers are often silent for long periods of time. You will discover that you are not an isolated case."

"When the five listening sessions are over, start to talk with single words. Expand the single words into phrases, then into sentences. They should deal only with what the others are saying. "Where did you see the bull fight?" — "You said her dress was fantastic, what was it like?"

"You can become so adroit at leading others that they will talk for your benefit. By imperceptible degrees your questions and remarks will expand into a flow of sentences. If you renounce all grandiose ideas of conversation and set a reasonable goal for yourself, you will graduate, without noticing it, from a commentator on the conversations of others to a conversationalist in your own right."

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Nan Grey, demure Universal star, cuts her long hair fairly short at front and sides so that the hair may be waved, curled and swept to the top of the head according to modern requirements.



A picture hat for garden parties is made of black velvet and given a scroll of white grosgrain ribbon for trimming. Maybe you noticed it in M.G.M.'s "The Women."



A youthful style to offset the freshness of the nearly twenty-one. Nan Grey of Universal's "Tower of London" models it for your benefit. Water taffeta for the gown, and velvet for the cunning coatee edged with ruffles.



Stripes to put you in the fashion spotlight. Stripes are usually difficult to handle, but here's one way to do it properly. Keep them horizontal for the most part, but add contrast in the bustle bow. Universal's Nan Grey shows you how.



Jean Arthur of Columbia's "Too Many Husbands" wears an Irene gown the colour of desert sand. We show it here with its attractive set-in waistband and diamond shaped insert at neckline. The design is flying fish embroidered in gold thread, and sequins.



Metro-Goldwyn Mayer's petite Ann Rutherford dresses up in a party frock for girls of the 'teen age. Take note of that beguiling little bolero all hung with pom-poms.



A garden party frock in the Adrian manner. Have it in white mousseline, over a white taffeta slip, and trim it with red grosgrain ribbon. Shown in M.G.M.'s "The Women" remember?

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NO doubt our ancestors who drank porter for breakfast and called the French "froggies" with a touch of Victorian hauteur would turn in their graves if they heard that a frog farm had been established in Perthshire and that frogs are appearing more frequently in the menus of those London restaurants which cater for sophisticated palates. One can imagine Colonel Blimp composing a caustic letter to "The Times": "Gad, sir, a most un-English habit. Roast beef was good enough for our ancestors, and it should be good enough for us..."

But others think differently. Far from being a mark of degeneracy, they say, frog-eating is proof of a virtuous and even a religious disposition. America eats more frogs than any other country in the world—and who can say that America is not a virtuous nation after reading some of the speeches made in Congress on Neutrality? Probably the Congressmen speak on the subject with their stomachs just full of frogs.

Then, too, the English monks of the Middle Ages were frog eaters.

Adventures At The Dinner Table

Roast beef? Yorkshire pudding? By all means. But frogs, snails and monkeys are delicacies not to be despised.

They are said to have introduced the edible frog, *Rana Esculenta*, to Cambridgeshire, where it is known to this day as the Cambridgeshire nightingale. Another more recent colony of edible frogs is on the border of Hampshire and Surrey.

Snails, too, are in the news. Some years ago a snail farm was started at Whipsnade, not as an exciting spectacle for sightseers but as a commercial venture. There is always money to be made out of snails on the Continent, if not at home; the demand for them is so far ahead of supplies that empty snail shells sell for 1s. 3d. a thousand in Paris, where they

are filled with a variety of suspicious compounds and sold to the unsuspecting. Altogether, Continental gourmets eat about 3,000,000 lbs. of snails a year, most of which come from the valleys on either side of the Jura Alps, along the Franco-Swiss frontier and from Burgundy. Between 60,000,000 and 80,000,000 snails are handled each winter in the Paris Central Market alone. Like oysters, they are eaten only when there is an R in the month. From September onwards you find them being sold by weight at rates varying between ½d. and 1½d. per hundred.

The British, who still have crude and barbarous ideas about eating, have very little taste for snails; indeed, in most parts of the Kingdom snails are not regarded as food at all.

It is true, there is an area in the "middle south-west," which includes Chippenham, Swindon and Bristol, where the common snail is appreciated, and there are even professional snailers who collect snails from the Mendips and the slopes of the southern Cotswolds and send them into Bristol for sale to the workers in the tobacco factories. This is probably the only part of Britain where garden snails are in demand—but they seem to be eaten more as a cure for coughs and chest complaints than as food. Curiously enough, there was once a belief in Northumberland and Durham that a diet of snails would cure consumption, though to-day this belief has died out and no snails are eaten up North except a few *escargots* fattened on vine leaves and imported by exclusive restaurants for gourmets and foreign visitors.

The true edible snail, *Helix Pomatia*, is called the Roman snail because there is a legend that it was introduced to Britain by the Romans. It is considerably larger than the garden snail and is found wild on the South Downs.

A thousand years ago it was probably recognised as a delicacy, and even to-day there are towns and villages where it is eaten. For instance, the old hands in the Regency brewery at Baldock, Hertfordshire, eat it with their beer. (Incidentally, in the same town there was once a curate who shocked his parishioners by eating the rats which lived in the maltings. When asked how they tasted, he replied, "Like chickens").

Down in Cornwall these Roman snails are sometimes collected by the crews of French fishing boats and trading vessels which put into the Cornish ports, but there is no evidence that the Cornish people eat these snails themselves. Nevertheless, the Cornish butchers will tell you that the mutton from sheep which have been fattened on some of the seaside downs has an exceptionally good taste because of the snails which the sheep cannot help eating when they feed. This is a very small species of snail which is also found on the South Downs and which is thought to be responsible for the excellent flavour of the South Downs mutton.

Although the Cornish do not eat snails, nobody would accuse them of lacking originality in food. Almost anything may be found in a Cornish pie. There is the tale of the Parliamentary candidate, an outsider, who wishing to draw an analogy to illustrate the mud-headedness of some policy exclaimed, "Why, you wouldn't put onions in an apple tart, would you?" Too late his agent



whispered, "They nearly all do it here."

Everyone to his taste. There is no doubt at all that most people would enjoy many strange mixtures of food, and even "impossible" foods, if it were not for prejudice.

There is a well authenticated story of some English people living in India who discussed the edibility of monkey. One man maintained that monkey was perfectly good food, the others pulled long faces and said that it would make them sick. At length the first man offered to give the others a dinner and to tell his cook to serve up monkey in a camouflaged form in one of the courses. He laid them a bet of ten pounds that they would not be able to spot the course in which monkey appeared.

They accepted the bet and the dinner was duly eaten. Some of his guests pushed one plate away with suspicious sniffs, some another, but in the end all the courses were eaten and pronounced excellent.

Then the cook was called in and asked to explain. In which course, he was asked, had monkey been served up?

His face fell in dismay. "In which course?" he echoed. "I thought the sahib wished for monkey dinner. I cooked monkey for all the dishes."

The Cornish, of course, are as little like the English as the Welsh, which may account for their exotic tastes in food. In some parts of the county that most famous of the Duchy's exports, the pasty, is made with a filling of potatoes, onions and—not meat but clotted cream!

Say what you will, the Cornishman will hear nothing against his pasties. The soldier the better. Hamilton Jenkins tells a tale of a Cornish miner whose newly-married wife, a cook, gave him a pastry of her own make.

Asked on his return from the pit how he liked it, he replied: "Aw, 'a wadn' no good at all. Time I got down fifty fathoms 'a were seat to lems (broken to bits). The wans Mawther made wadn' break if they'd 'a faaled to the bottom of the shaft. They was pasties!"

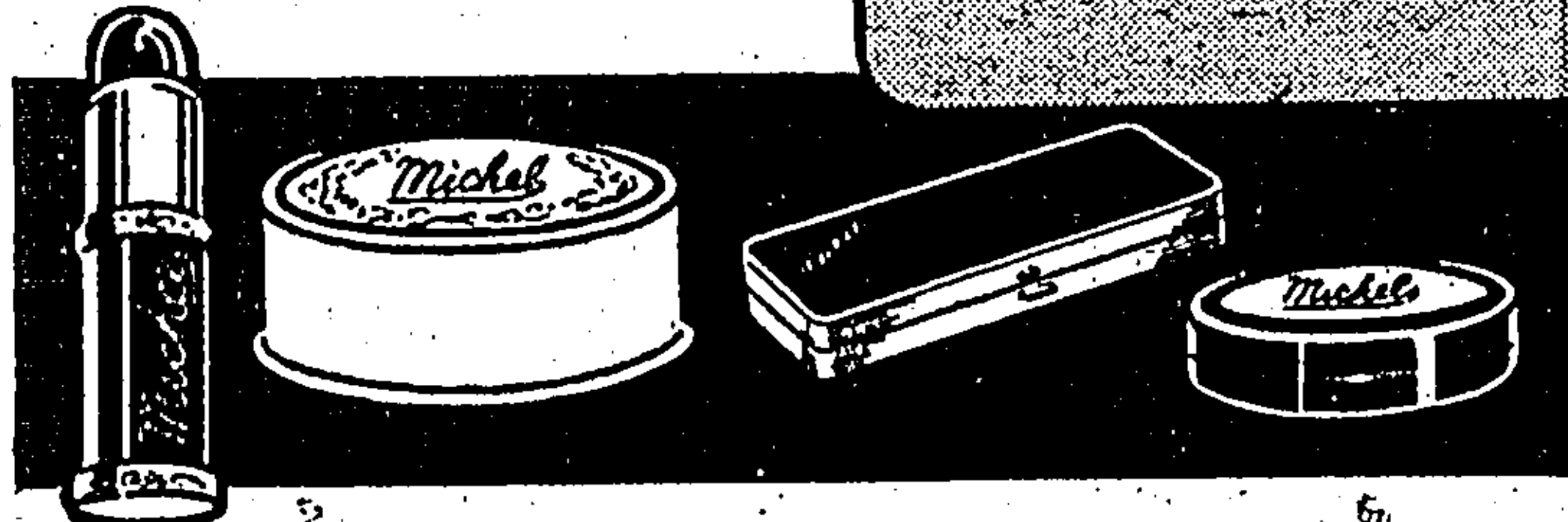
The Cornish pasty is a relic of the county's former poverty, which persisted long after greater prosperity had come to other parts of southern England. Only dough and vegetables were to be had on six days of the week, and a pasty was thought the best way of combining such food, especially for miners, fishermen and others who had to carry a meal in their pockets and eat it with their hands—sometimes only one hand.



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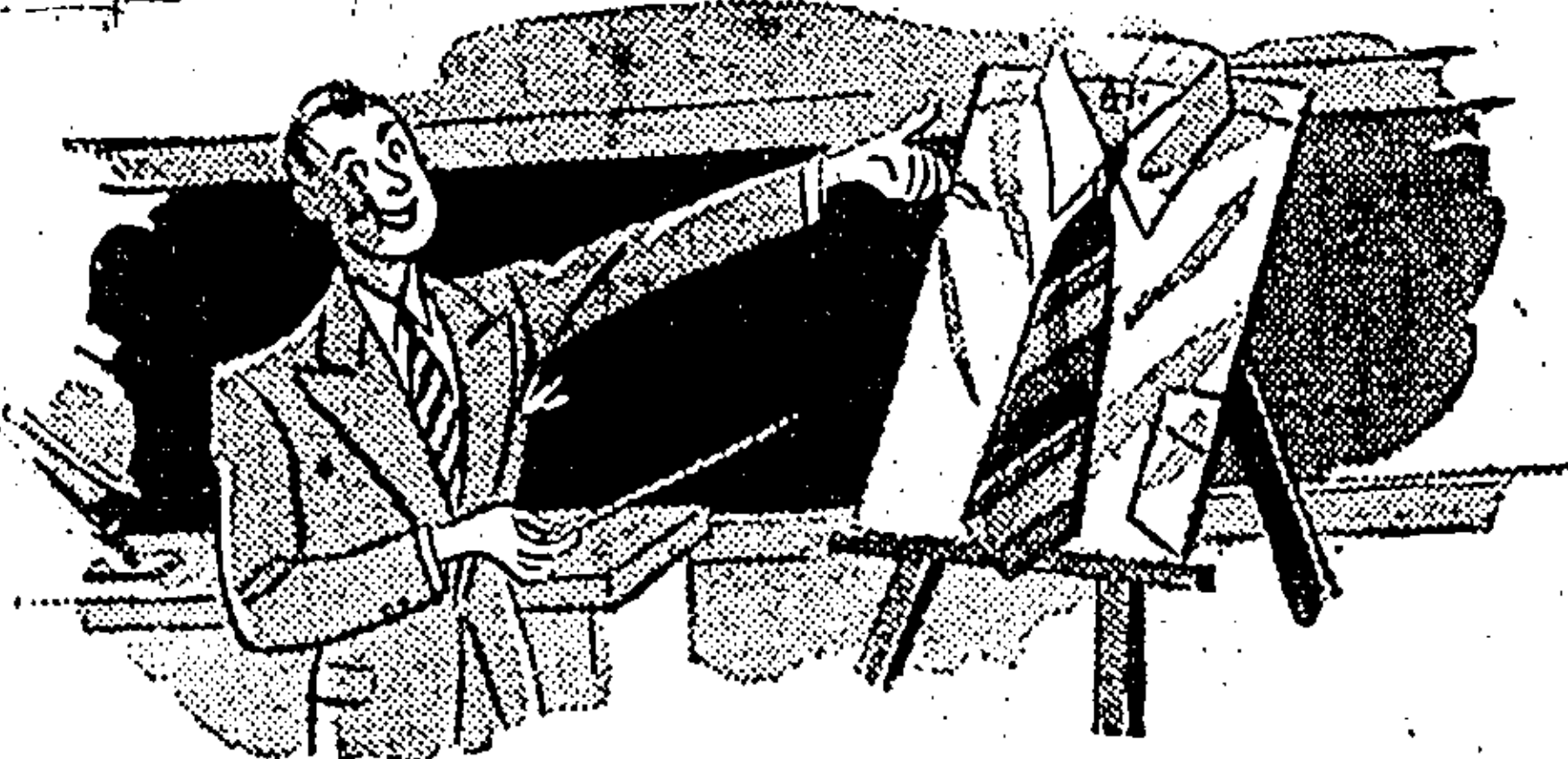
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How To Do Nothing Gracefully

By Weare Holbrook

Sit down on the floor and let your feet hang over. Or lie down. Do not even whistle through your teeth, or hum a tuneless tune. Just relax and vegetate.

AN experienced inkslinger confided to me the other day that the surest way to sell a magazine article is to give it a title beginning with the magic words "How To—." The rest of the title, he said, isn't so important; it may be "—Gargle Melodiously," or "—Remember Telephone Numbers." As long as you give your readers the feeling that they are enlarging the scope of their accomplishments, you will hold their attention.

As a nation, we are gluttons for self-improvement. We start early with the various boys' and girls' "handy books" and the pamphlets that can be obtained "absolutely free simply by sending ten cents to cover the cost of postage and mailing." Before I was 12 years old I had learned How To Be a Detective, How To Be a Hypnotist and How To Be a Taxidermist.

Later I considered combining these talents by catching desperate criminals, mesmerizing them and then turning them over to the authorities neatly stuffed and mounted; but nothing came of it, for by that time I was too busy learning How to Raise Ginseng, Play the Hawaiian Steel Guitar, Re-silver Mirrors and Wrestle Like Farmer Burns.

Theoretically, I should have at least a small budget of instructive information to relay in print; I ought to be an authority on doing something. Actually, I am an authority on doing nothing.

There is an insidious campaign afoot to make every minute count, and something should be done about it. Habit and training during the working year have developed in the average person an antlike earnestness which makes him incapable of genuine old-fashioned idleness. Unemployment statistics to the contrary, we are the busiest people in the world. Most of our spare time is utilised in studying new ways to utilise our spare time. The word-weary stenographer toils over anagrams

when her day's work is done; the tired accountant relaxes by listening to "brain teasers" on the radio. Every day is a busman's holiday.

And vacation time, which should be a blissful blank in our lives, has become a crowded interlude of "catching up." The studious young man who doesn't like to swim but feels that he ought to, packs a bathing suit along with his books; and the athletic young lady who doesn't like to read but feels that she ought to, packs a book along with her bathing suit. Papa's conscience tells him that he should brush up on his tennis or his golf or his horseback-riding; Mama takes along three half-finished sweaters and a stack of unanswered correspondence.

In the autumn, the standard greeting is, "Well, what did you do on your vacation?" The inquirers really don't care much what you did, but the assumption is that you must have done something. And if you reply, "Not a doggone thing!" they will be sceptical.

The chief barrier to complete inactivity in vacation time is the fear of being Left Out. Mr. Binkley may long to enjoy the unaccustomed luxury of sleeping until noon; but when the rest of the party gets up at 5 a.m. for an all-day fishing trip, Mr. Binkley gets up, too. He doesn't want the people at the hotel to think that he wasn't invited. And after dinner, when he would rather just sit and doze, he embarks on a violent game of badminton lest someone say, "Poor Binkley! Nobody seems to like him."

Once you have developed enough social independence to decline the invitations of friends and ignore the pitying glances of strangers, you are well on your way. At first, until your reputation as a complete vegetable has been established, it may be advisable to hold a book on your lap. But do not read the book, or tilt it so that the title may be read by passersby; otherwise you may find yourself involved in a literary discussion with some chance acquaintance.

I once made the mistake of taking *Gone With the Wind* along on my vacation, and it was a devastating ice-breaker. Everyone who saw it regarded it as a sort of fraternal emblem. The 33rd Degree readers who had finished it stopped to ask me patronisingly what I thought of it "so far," and the more recent initiates paused to share with me their little hopes and speculations. This year I took along *The Life and Letters of Rutherford B. Hayes*, and nobody even peeked over my shoulder.

Another method of forestalling busybodies is to pretend to collect things—preferably exotic things. This gives you an excuse to wander off by yourself, supposedly to look for them. Old Colonel Harrumph, for example, collects Revolutionary buttons. Having observed in historical museums the large number of "buttons found on site of General Washington's camp," he decided that there must be a lot more where those came from, and he goes out hunting for them. He has never found any yet; but as no one else is interested in the subject, he is not molested.

Uncle Naboth's vacation hobby was collecting fungus. While the rest of the family was dedicating itself to a rigorous routine of golf, tennis and swimming, Uncle Naboth used to disappear into the woods to search for rare fungoid growths. He did this so often, stayed so long and came back with so few specimens that Aunt Eulalie grew suspicious, and one day she followed him.

She didn't have to go far. Just around the first bend of the woodland path, she came upon Uncle Naboth. He was sitting on a tree-stump, doing absolutely nothing.

"I thought you were supposed to be collecting fungus!" said Aunt Eulalie angrily.

"I am," Uncle Naboth replied. "I figure if I sit here long enough, it'll grow on me and save me the trouble of picking it."

But even such over-worked hobbies as collecting seashells, butterflies or Indian arrowheads can be a comfortable approximation of doing nothing, since you usually throw them away before so very long.

When at last you have escaped the prying eyes of your energetic friends, stretch out on the grass and look up at the sky through half-closed eyes. Do not glance toward the sun to estimate what time not try to identify the it is; there is all eternity ahead of you. Do birds flying overhead or decide what the clouds are made of; that involves brain work. Do not brush away the spider that is crawling up your leg, or scratch the ear that is being tickled by a wind-blown leaf; that involves muscular activity. Do not even whistle through your teeth or hum a tuneless tune. Just relax and vegetate. You are now, as nearly as is humanly possible, doing absolutely nothing.



This close-up of a British Army spartan washing in the snow comes from somewhere in Yorkshire where R.A. recruits are being trained under conditions similar to those experienced by Finnish troops during their struggle against Russia. A recent heavy snow fall has not interfered with their work, and the experience should stand them in good stead for they are not likely to know worse conditions again. (Fox Photo).

When, at the threshold of this century, the marvels of child art revealed themselves to the eyes of its enthusiastic discoverers, they hailed it as the original and, therefore, true pictorial language of mankind. 'Don't teach the child, let it teach you' was the advice of the great pioneers like Franz Cizek.



An Oxford undergraduate sets the fashion for smartness and warmth during the winter. (Fox Photo).

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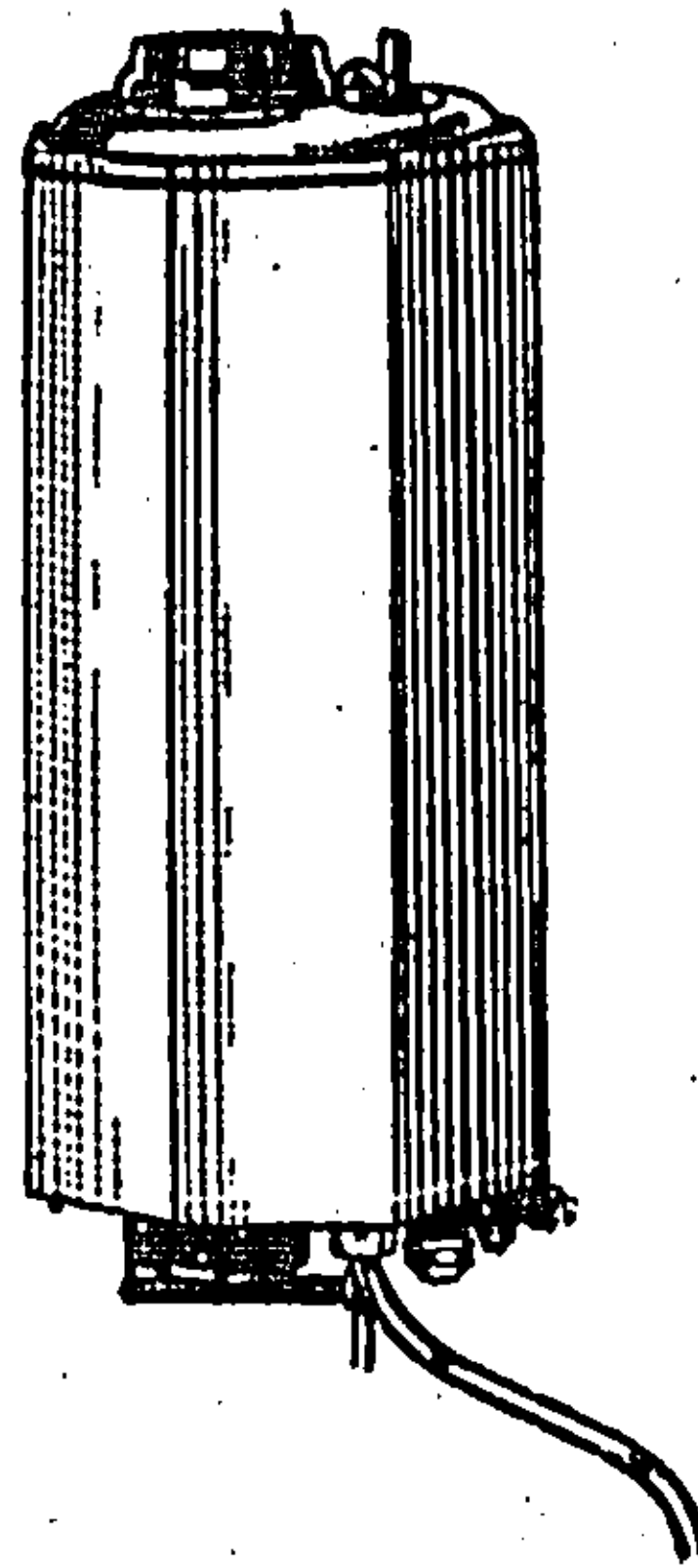
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The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, and G. Perkins, Police Armourer, snapped on the range.

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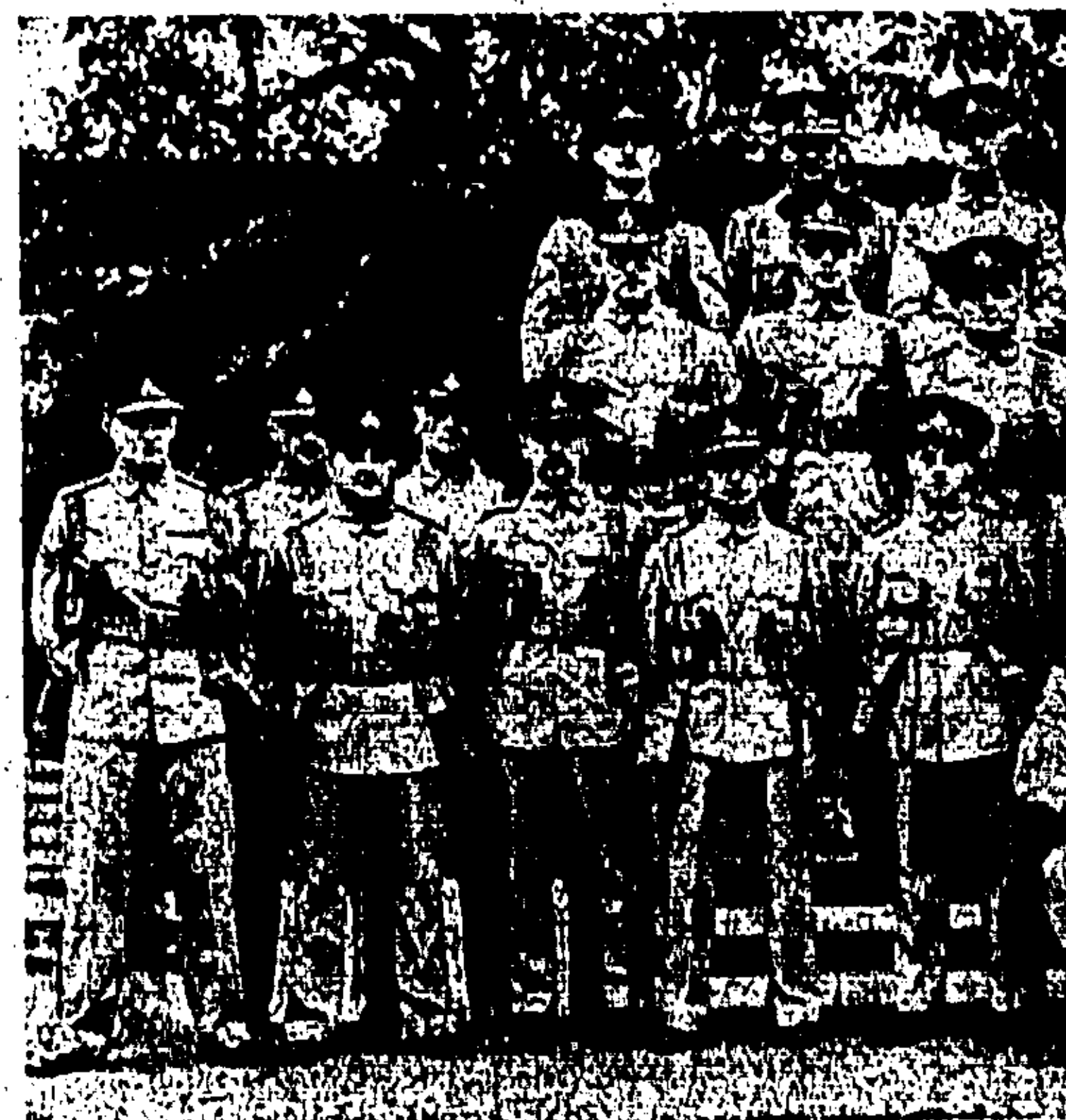
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Sgt. Heap saluting His Excellency the Governor.



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Annual meeting was held in fine weather for Royal Engineers when the Governor's Aggregate, the three major competitions, were the President's Cup, and the trophy was by F. Sgt. Tollison, R.A.F.



F. Sgt. Tollison, right, snapped on the 300 yard range with A. E. Evans, left. Tollison shot consistently well throughout the meeting, and eventually carried off the President's Cup.

Seigneur, Royal Engineers, posing with his trophies, include prizes for the three major competitions the Governor's Prize, the Grand Aggregate and the All Comer's Aggregate.

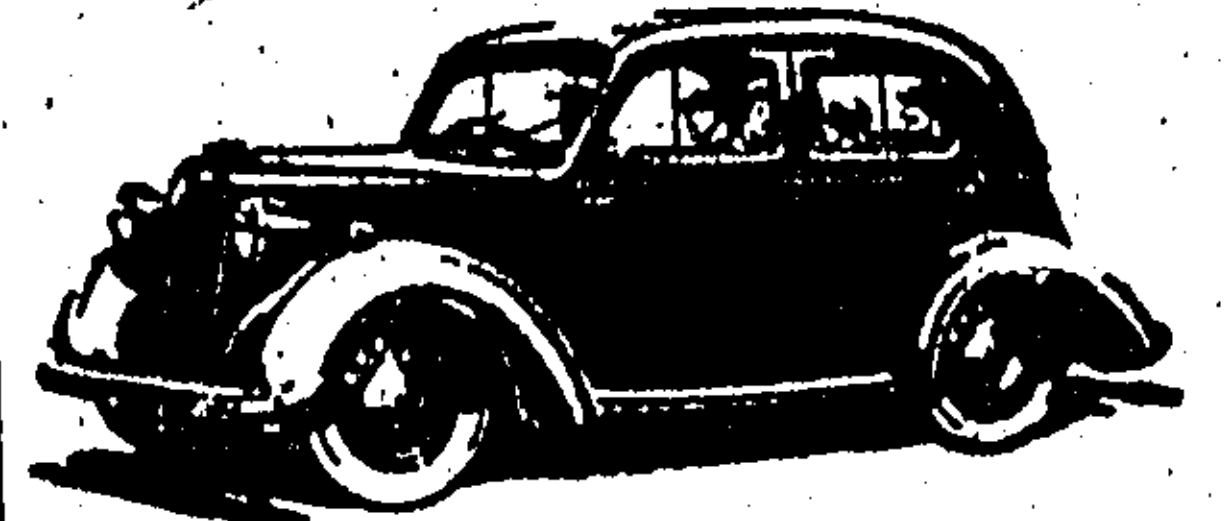


China team, winners of the International Cup. They are A.S.P. (R) D. Lole, P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, L/Sgt. N. L. Pan, and L/Sgt. O. T. Leong.



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His Excellency the Governor arriving at the parade ground accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain Batty-Smith. He was met by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, standing at left.



A line up of those who received long service medals.

Police Inspection

The annual inspection of the Police Force was held in the Central Police Station compound on March 28, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, presented a number of awards for conspicuous gallantry, long service and commendation. On this page and the next are scenes of the event.

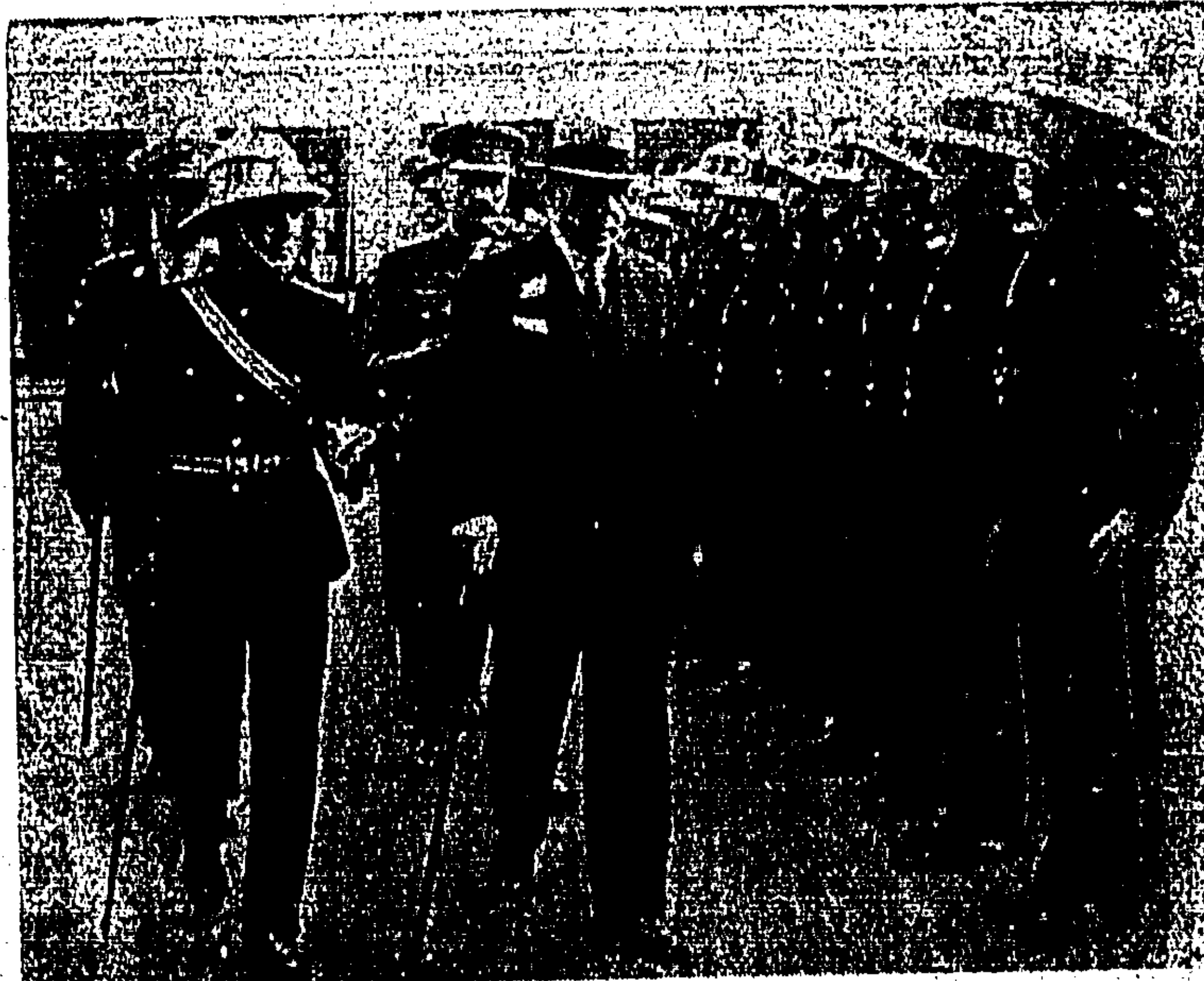


His Excellency the Governor pinning the Colonial Police Conspicuous Gallantry Medal on Chief Inspector F. E. E. Booker, for services rendered during an incident on November 26, 1938, when Inspector Booker, then acting Assistant Superintendent of Police in charge of the New Territories, persuaded Japanese troops, who had crossed the border into British territory, to leave.

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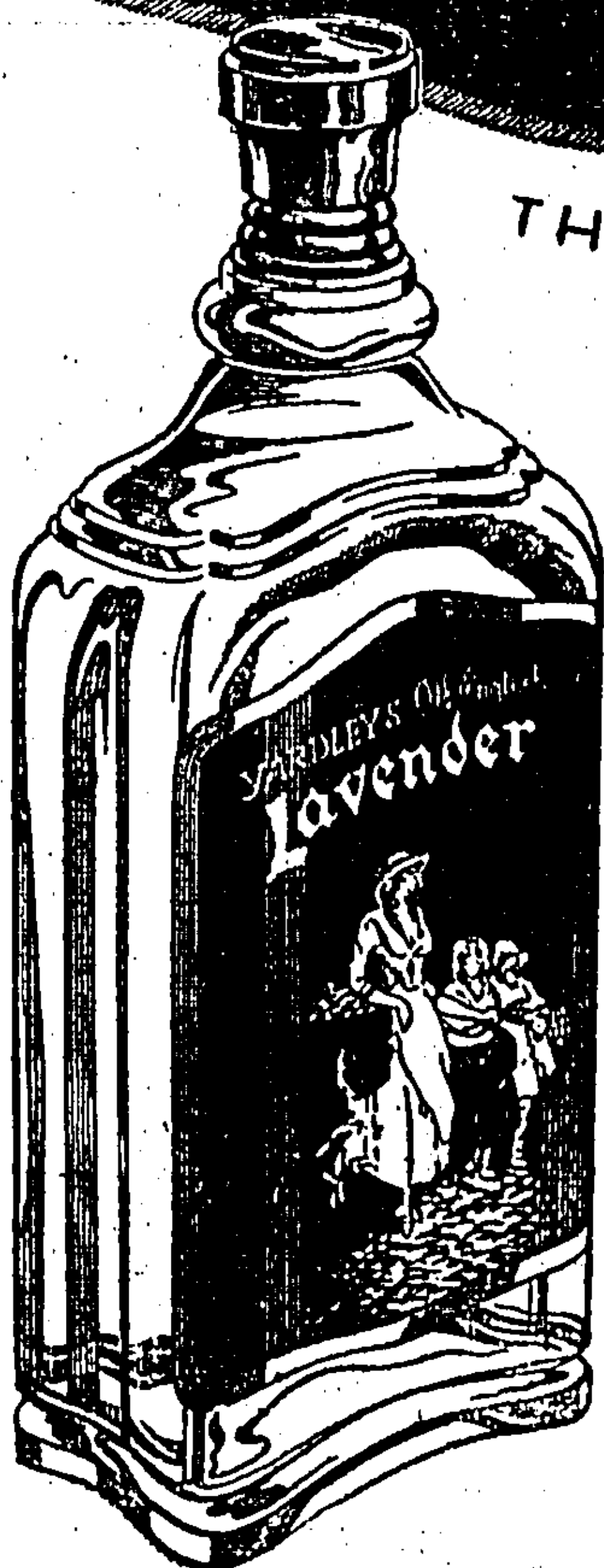


The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, left, and the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, right, watching the presentation.



His Excellency the Governor inspecting the Guard-of-Honour.

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Chief Inspector F. E. E. Booker being congratulated on receiving the Colonial Police Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. On the left is Mrs. Booker.

Tam Chung, Chinese detective seen at right, had the honour of being the first Chinese member of the Police Force to receive the King's Police Medal, awarded for the part he played in a gun duel on June 5 last year.

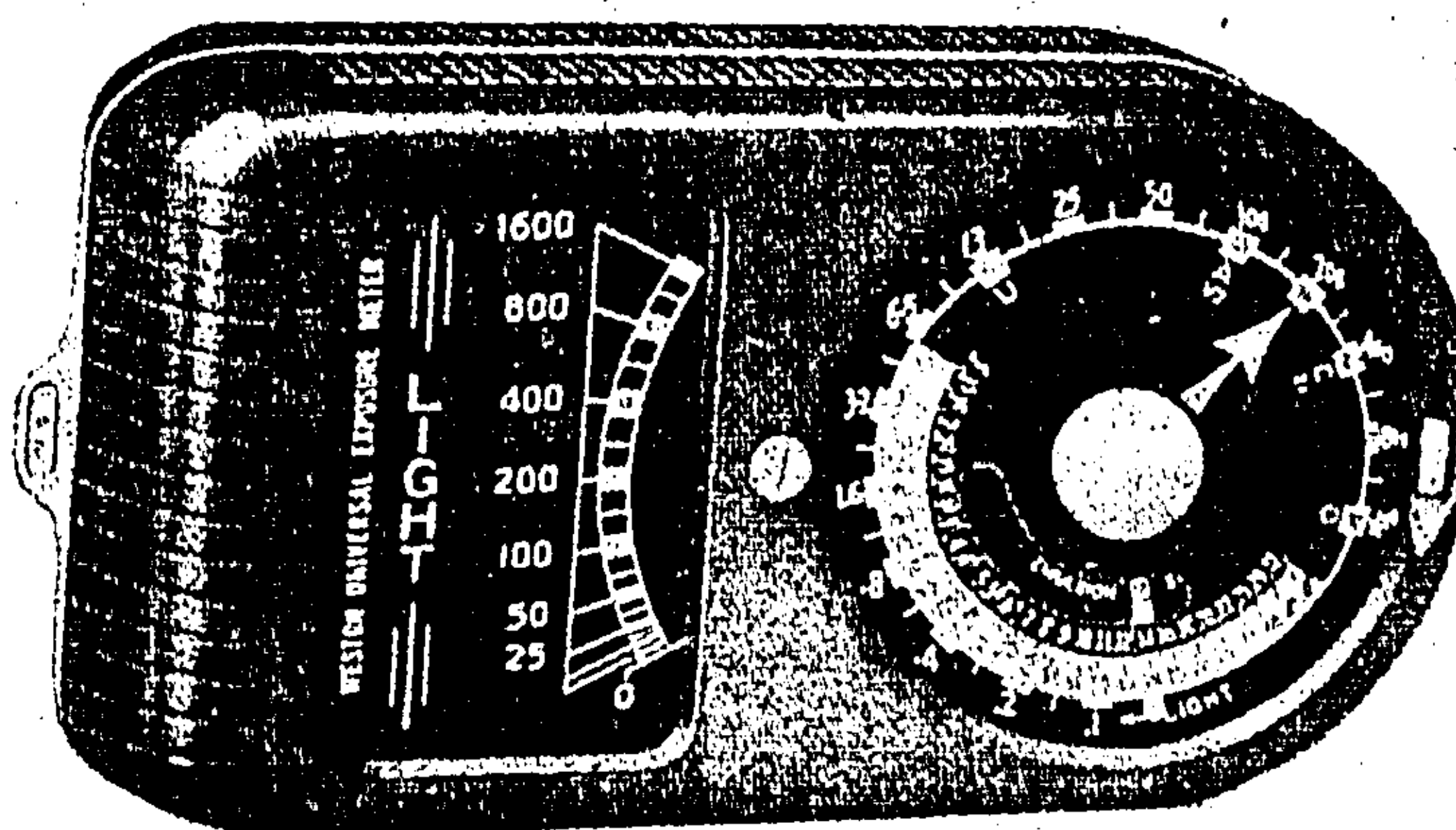


Chinese members of the Police Force who received awards that day.



From left to right in this group of spectators are the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Ho Kam-tong and Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

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In this provocative article George Brent delivers a broadside that may shock film fans. For, coming down to brutal facts from his experience, he says "Glamour and Marriage don't mix!"

HOLLYWOOD is currently sponsoring an "oomph" girl. A few years ago we had an "it" girl, and the future will doubtless give out some other profitable label to designate a lass who looks like sin—and plenty of it!

Gazing upon the photographs of these charmers, which have been carefully planted in the papers for just such stimulus, men outside Hollywood probably think of us males within it as leading lives congested with romance and masculine dominance.

Hollywood women look perfect. They are. That's what's the trouble with them. That's what makes our divorce statistics. Their sex appeal is colossal. But it is a snare and an illusion. It is all done with mirrors.

As sirens these girls are entirely synthetic. They are so carefully created that they are completely inhuman. There isn't one truly feminine woman in the entire motion-picture business. They are provocative. They are exciting. But they are not feminine.

IN LOVE WITH A STAR

Like one of our American Presidents, I think sex is a very old and admittedly excellent institution, and I am in favour of it. But romance is on a higher and more lasting level than that. Romance and the appeal to a man's heart and mind are comparatively recent in human history, and only romance makes one woman

HOLLYWOOD IS A HAREM

stand out above the others in a man's memory. The woman, who appeals to this romantic impulse in man is the one whom he regards as completely feminine. To make him feel happily male, she must rouse his protective masculinity and his sense of mastery.

This seldom happens to any man who has been long around Hollywood. Of course, almost any man anywhere can master one woman. But I defy any man to dominate a whole social system. Yet that is what he must do if he falls in love with a movie star.

For after her first success in pictures a woman is no longer an individual. She is a composite, the product of many people and many processes. Instead of making a man feel masculine, she makes him feel hunted.

TRICKS OF GLAMOUR

I realise that in making these statements I am rushing in where any angel would fear to tread. But I am merely saying in public what every Hollywood man soon learns to say in private.

There isn't a trick in outward sex appeal that the Hollywood houri does not learn. By the end of her first six-months contract, any girl worth lifting an option for knows to the last seam the correct type of white satin, low-cut gown that will best emphasise her figure. She knows to a sixteenth of an inch the way to stand with her torso turned forward and her hips swivelled sideways to make her appear most slim and desirable.

She becomes the most provocative of this earth's creatures—to look at.

She does attract you; but as you draw near her in romantic intimacy you will discover her ticking like a time bomb. You never have any idea of when she is going to blow up—and neither has she.

None of this artificiality is basically her fault. It is the shattering effect of twenty-four-hour-a-day flattery upon a woman's soul. The adulation of having a hairdresser working continually upon her head, of having a make-up man checking hourly upon her face, of being cozened by costume designers, shoe fitters, publicity agents, photographers, interviews, and the entire crew of studio sycophants, inflates her ego to the point where she is everlastingly walking on hot air.

In the ten years that I have been in Hollywood I have watched this metamorphosis happen to scores of talented girls. There was one whom I played opposite not so long ago. When discovered, she had a genuine girlish prettiness, the freshness of seventeen, a slender talent, and her fiancé, the boy with whom she had gone to school.

Hollywood started to underscore her beauty by taking away all her eyebrows and most of her clothes. She was put instantly into a role much too long and difficult for her. But by diligent coaching, and with experienced actors doing scenes eighteen and twenty times for her benefit, she got through her first production. The fame fever captured her and she soon dropped her high-school Lothario. He had become much too simple for her.

Before a year was up, her Hollywood vulgarisation was complete. She told smoking-room stories. That succeeded in making her thought of as a hail-fellow-well-met, of course. But it made her cease to be thought of as a woman. And when a man stops thinking of a woman as a woman, he stops thinking of her altogether.

MAKE-BELIEVE MARRIAGE

We do become husbands, we Hollywood men, since marriage seems to be the one asset we can offer. Better love speeches than we can devise are daily written for our enchantress by the scenario department. Devotion she gets by the ton from the studio hangers-on who make a profession of it. But marriage still takes two and no prop department has yet been able to manufacture a husband. Therefore Miss Movie Star rather likes the idea of marrying, so long as we husbands do not expect her to run the home or defer to our wishes in anything important.

A Hollywood actress can never relax. If she is working, she has to be in bed by eight to be ready for the hairdresser by six the next morning. Neither at home nor at the studio does she have one second to call her own. There will be a telephone beside her place at the dinner table. In between bites Mrs. Star will be engaged in conversation on it. She may snatch a moment to smile at her husband over the mouthpiece, but he will find that small comfort. For, having been in make-up all day, she has naturally wanted to take it off; and having been dressed in costumes so tight she couldn't sit down, she is now in negligee.

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It is, as I say, perfectly natural that she should react this way, but it doesn't mitigate the fact that to her husband's eyes, as she sits there lacking eyebrows, lipstick, eye-lashes, and powder she presents the appearance of a peeled grape.



Like most men, Wayne Morris, the famous film star, found that fixing the baby's napkin isn't as simple as it seems, and 14 months of Peter B. Good was none too pleased with his attempt. They certainly present an air, but they are both necessary to the success of the film "Brother Rat And A Baby", and in any case, it was good practice for Wayne, for his wife presented him with a son only last month. In this picture, Peter is evidently wondering when Wayne is going to solve the problem, as with the pin and the corner of the napkin in his mouth, he struggles with the mysteries of the triangle. (Fox Photo).

Don't think when she isn't working she has any more leisure. She hasn't. Between pictures—this goes for both men and women—there are interviews by the score. There are photographic sittings. There are what are called "home art" photographs to be taken. These are terrific. They mean you are photographed supposedly at breakfast, games, and entertaining. They are destructive enough of your privacy if you are unmarried, but if an actor is married to a star, they are violations of any decent reticences.

For the woman, besides this, there are clothes fittings, make-up tests, and complicated new hairstyles to be worked out. The couple may plan to take a month's holiday alone together between pictures, and end up by being lucky to get an hour.

TIME—THE ENEMY

It is this very awareness of the lack of time that causes the speed-up process in Hollywood love affairs that so bewilders the outside world. Men and women alike, we are all aware that, while we are here today, we may very well be gone by our next picture, and thus we instinctively jump practically from introduction to matrimony, and thence into divorce.

I'm not arguing that such action isn't stupid—I've made my own contributions to such stupid statistics—but I do say that under our existing conditions I think such errors are almost inevitable.

So that is also why, though we keep on musing on love, you see more and more of Hollywood's men and women living separate lives.

For this gradual male reaction away from falling in love with the Hollywood women is a Hollywood principle of sheer survival. We can see before us the comfortable busy futures of a Lewis Stone or a Lionel Barrymore or some others that may be possible to us if we keep our heads—and our hearts.

On the other hand, look at the ex-Lorels who are still around Hollywood, still fair, still thin, but frankly forty. Look at their vivacious pictures in the papers. Then look closer and observe the tragedy in their faces and the emptiness in their eyes.

And, while you're looking, I'll check on sailings for South America or some such languorous land, where a woman is only a woman and a good cigar is a comfort.



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Shanghai Letter

How Shanghai Spent Easter — American Consul-General Kept Socially Busy — Mr. Archibald Mabb of Hong Kong Marries.

Shanghai, March 27.

Time was—not too many Easters ago—when outdoor-minded Shanghai left en bloc for points north, south, east and west, to spend the long Easter weekend.

Weather warm enough to make house-boating a pleasure rather than a tradition to be dutifully observed, drew hundreds to the canals around Soochow and Hangchow, and the "no walkee" houseboats down Kaochow way—so easily reached by the little river boats with their pagoda tops—had their full quota of inhabitants. Now, however, as far as Shanghaianders are concerned, they may choose between a ride in the country or a walk across the fields in Hungjiao if they insist on "getting away from it all". And so it came that in Shanghai, Easter gave very little scope this year to those who are fond of making use of the first few days of the warmer weather to get into the fresh air. Races on Saturday and Monday afternoon drew fairly large crowds while cinemas, restaurants and ball-rooms were packed practically every evening from Friday to Monday.

Contrary to all expectations, Easter festivities were confined to small informal parties held in the various homes with a few hours of dancing thrown in at some of the more popular places.

BUSY DIPLOMAT

As I already said in my last weeks dispatch, one of the busiest men hereabouts—socially speaking—is Mr. Clarence E. Gauss who is leaving in a few days after relinquishing his post as United States Consul-General here, in order to take up the post of Minister to Australia. What with a parade held for him by the Fourth Regiment, U.S. Marines, and a seemingly endless list of other engagements, Mr. Gauss has been kept busy for the whole week, and has indirectly given local Americans very little opportunity to attend other functions than those held in his honour.

On Thursday morning swords glinted in the sunshine and martial music resounded across the Race Course, when the local garrison of U.S. Marines paraded in honour of the departing diplomat. Mr. Gauss stood at the saluting base next to Colonel De Witt Peck, the Commanding Officer, while Lt.-Col. C. I. Murray commanded the parade.

Thursday also, was the day on which the staff of the United States Consulate-General presented a silver tray and cigarette box, as well as a beautiful cigar box to Mr. Gauss. Mr. Richard P. Butrick made the presentation on behalf of the foreign and Chinese members of the Consulate's staff.

Meanwhile, the American University Club is holding a dinner in Mr. Gauss' honour to-day at the American Women's Club. It will be a black-tie affair, but that inimitable American informality is bound to prevail, as local American university graduates will honour the departing envoy.

The American Association and the American Chamber of Commerce will be the joint hosts on Saturday when Mr. Gauss will be the guest of honour at a dinner to be given at the Columbia Country Club.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

Mr. A. H. George was the host at his residence on Tuesday to the Fellows of the Royal Empire Society. A temporary committee for the Society was appointed. Included in it are: Mr. V. G. Bowden, Mr. E. F. Hardman, Mr. P. D. G. Gáin, Mr. N. C. Macgregor and Mr. Alec L. Davidson.

Judge Sir Allan Mossop was the guest of honour last Tuesday at the monthly meeting of the Union

Church Tuesday Evening Club. After dinner, he gave a most informative and amusing account of a holiday trip he made by air from Croydon to Capetown, with Lady Mossop during his last trip home.

Dr. Couper Patrick presided at the function, and the meal had hardly been concluded when he introduced Sir Allan referring to his long service in the British Court here and his interest in welfare of the local cosmopolitan community. Mr. F. H. B. Harmon thanked Sir Allan for the most interesting talk and expressed the hope that notwithstanding his other interests, he would soon again address the club.

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CONCERNING HONG KONG

Of genuine interest to Hong Kong, should be the wedding at the Holy Trinity Cathedral here last Saturday, of Miss Raymina Wheldon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wheldon to Mr. Archibald Mabb of the Hong Kong office of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. The couple are by now in Hong Kong where they are making their home.

Mr. H. John J. Paterson, for many years a resident of Hong Kong, arrived here recently and is renewing acquaintances he made in years past. It is not known whether or not he will remain here permanently. And soon now, the annual exodus of homeleavers will get under way. Most Britons who are going home this year, are doing so via the United States and Canada.

S.V.C. UNIT'S CLUB

The Light Automatic (A.D.) Company, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, held their annual dinner at the "Cockpit" on Thursday and an excellent time was had by all. The Light Automatic Co., is unique in that it has its own club—the envy of all other S.V.C. units and a distinct proof of what a bit of cooperation among members and will-power to carry through a scheme, can accomplish.

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Shanghai has always been known for its keen golfers. There are many large and small golf clubs even though only three courses are now available for play including the one at the Race Course which is rather monotonous. Among the keenest golfers in Shanghai are members of the police force who have their own club and some of the finest players in this city. They held their annual dinner on Friday and a fine time was had by all. Prizes were distributed and that cordiality which usually prevails at similar functions was as conspicuous as ever.



On Saturday, March 23, Miss Raymina Wheldon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wheldon became the bride of Mr. Archibald Mabb of Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong. The happy couple left for Hong Kong aboard the s.s. Bolsesvaln to make their home in the Colony.



The Police Golf Club held their annual dinner on Thursday, March 21. Above Major K. M. Bourne is seen making a speech. At right is Deputy Commissioner C. Akagi.



The Royal Empire Society of Shanghai held a reception at the residence of Mr. A. H. George, British Consul-General on March 19. Shown right to left Mr. Alec Davidson, Secretary, Professor R. E. Salmon and Mr. George.



The Light Automatic (A.D.) Company, S.V.C., held their annual dinner at the Cockpit on Thursday, March 21. A large gathering was present, and Lieutenant W. G. T. Howe, Commanding the Company, presided. Left to right, Major H. S. Bartley, Staff Officer, Colonel J. W. Hornby, M.C., Commandant, Lieutenant Howe and Major E. S. Barraclough.

THE WORLD—IN LIGHTER VEIN

TELL IT TO US

This feature gives us, to be frank, a bigger headache than a thick night out. We still go around with ears pricked and optimism unquenched in search of anecdotes which will make good copy. But, issue by issue, we grow more resigned to the conviction that the best of our weekly bag must remain unprinted, and that good jokes, like ripe cheese, cannot be deodorised and retain their flavour. It's something of a strain to the moral sense to apply to every story we hear the rigorous test: Is this good enough for our readers, and at the same time good enough?

Anyway the stories that filter through our meshes please our peculiar sense of humour and conform to our, perhaps, equally peculiar moral sense. If neither sense is as exacting as yours, remember please, our difficulties—and send us your idea of good, clean fun.

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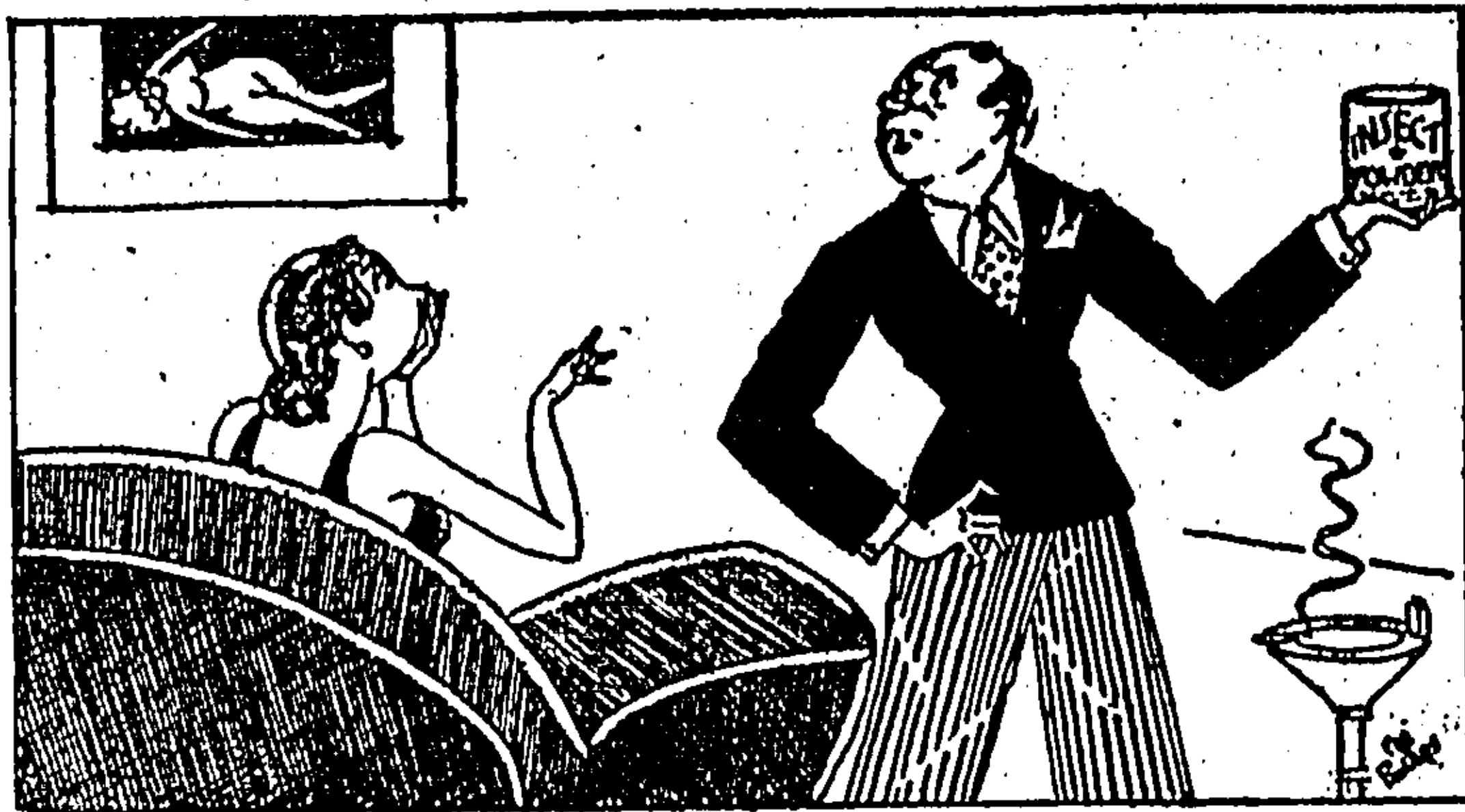
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"Tell me, what?"

"I have been married only twelve weeks. My wife seems, otherwise, a perfectly healthy woman, but something extraordinary has hap-



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pened."

"Indeed?"

"Yesterday, she presented me with a perfectly normal and healthy son."

"Oh."

"Tell me, doctor, is that unusual, or bad. My friends are talking."

The doctor, a master of circumlocution, thought awhile, and said: "My friend, you have nothing to worry about. It is, I admit, just a little irregular. But it happens, fairly frequently, with the first child of a marriage. Rarely afterwards. One guinea please."

FROM THE ASYLUM

Have you heard the one about the man incarcerated in a lunatic asylum, who, after twelve or fifteen years, persuaded the Medical Director that he was sane, and was granted a release? On the morning of his discharge

he was shaving in front of his little round mirror, which was hung near his bed. He lathered; fitted a blade into the razor, and prepared to shave; took a swipe at the stubborn bit under the chin, and paused to shake the lather off his razor, turned.

At which moment, the mirror fell from the wall and rebounded on to the bed. The unhappy man turned, looked at the place where the mirror had been, saw the blank wall, and, bursting into tears, said: "Ah, damn it! I don't get any luck. Just on the day when I get my discharge I have to go and cut my blasted head off."

NO CHANGE

That is a melancholy story, which is fairly feeble: not unlike the one about the inmate with his ear to the ground. The mental nurse found him listening intently at a flower bed. "What's up?" he asked.

"Ssh."

"What are you listening to?"

"Flowers."

"Flowers?"

"Hearing 'em grow."

"Mmm." The attendant stayed by, and, in due course, also knelt and put his ear to the earth, and listened intently. He rose, after a few minutes, and said, "I can't hear a thing."

"I know," said the lunatic, with a worried look, "and it's been like that all morning."

THE CURE

This is an agrarian story. It comes from the deep, beating heart of the agricultural population.

A small farmer had a horse. The horse fell ill. The farmer consulted his friend:

"Jarge."

"Ah."

"Tha knowst my mare, Rosie?"

"Ay?"

"Well, she's ill."

"No!"

"Ay."

"Ill?"

"Tha's right."

"Ee!"

"Mayst well say 'Ee.' What should I do?"

"Ee, I don't know. Boot when my gelding fell ill, I gave un turpentine."

"Turpentine?"

"Ay, turpentine. I gave un turpentine in a spoon."

"Ow mooch?"

"Pint."

"Ole pint?"

"Ay."

A week later the two farmers met again. The first said: "Th, tha knowst my mare, Rosie?"

"Ay."

"Tha knowst I told 'ee she was ill?"

"Ay."

"Tha knowst tha toldst me tha gave tha gelding turpentine?"

"Ay."

"A pint o' turpentine?"

"That's right."

"Wall, I gev my Rosie a pint o' turpentine."

"Ah?"

"Ah."

"And so?"

"She died."

"Ay? So did my gelding."

STANDING BY

A ship's gunner, home on leave, was sitting with his cat by the fire. His wife had to go and visit some relations, and warned him to keep an eye on the fire. She was afraid that it might go out, you understand.

She went out. The gunner fell asleep. Two hours passed. The fire died. The wife returned. She entered the living-room, took one look at her husband, snoring before the dead fire, and screamed:—

"Fire!"

The husband leapt to attention, tore open the door of the oven, rammed in the cat, slammed the door, and cried:—

"Number One gun ready!"

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FALSE EVIDENCE

"Rastus," said the judge, "your wife complains that you never work. How about it?"

"Dat woman's wrong, judge," replied Rastus. "Ask her what Ah was doing de second Toosday in July last yeah."

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NOT INTERESTED

Said the smart little waitress, tripping up to the customer, "I have devilled kidneys, calves' brains, pigs' feet, chickens' livers and . . ."

"Forget it!" growled the customer. "I have a headache, corns and a bunion, as well as a hunger. Tell your troubles to someone else and bring me ham and eggs."

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At the end of the first week away from home on a new job, the young husband wrote to his wife: "Made foreman—feather in my cap."

After the second week he wrote: "Made manager—another feather in my cap."

But after the third week he wired: "Sacked — send money."

His wife telegraphed back: "Use feathers. Fly home."

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FROM THE BACK ROW

It was the ship's concert and the song was "Asleep in the Deep." The singer had got well and truly deep, when an awed voice from the back of the hall was heard:—

"Lumme! He'll scuttle himself in a minute!"

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INTERPRETATION

The distinguished French visitor had been invited to the golden wedding celebrations of his English host's friends.

"But, tell me," he said, "zis golden wedding, what is he?"

A guest tried to explain. "Well, the man and the woman have lived together for fifty years . . ."

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TOTAL EFFORT FOR TOTAL WAR WANTED

London, Yesterday.
Speaking at Newcastle to-day, Lord Samuel said the recent changes in the Government had not met the national demand.

Mr. Churchill's new appointment was undoubtedly approved by the nation but there was still no supreme control on the financial and economic side.

He said the Government should show the utmost vigour, and appealed to all parties to rally to the support of the Government in the prosecution of the war. — Reuter.

HITLER BEING PUSHED INTO BIG ATTACK?

Paris, Yesterday.

ALMOST UNINTERRUPTED artillery action by the Germans on the Lorraine front in the past ten days, tightening of the Allied blockade and Field-Marshal Goering's speech on March 3, may herald a Nazi offensive on the western front, declare the newspapers "Jour" and "Echo de Paris."

The papers say the recent conversations between General von Brauchitsch and General von Keitel seem to indicate that Hitler is heading towards military action in the West towards which, despite the experts' advice, Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop is pushing him.

Nazis Shouting Less!

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Amsterdam, Yesterday.
No more assertions are being heard from Nazi propaganda that Germany will soon strike a decisive blow, the Berlin correspondents of Dutch papers report.

The official reserve is all the more noticeable because it coincides with the increasing bewilderment of the German population, accustomed to Hitler's spectacular successes and promised a victorious blitzkrieg and an easy triumph over the "degenerate and Jew-ridden countries."

Now Nazi propagandists merely assert that Germany is ready to answer blow for blow.

Military Talk

While proclaiming officially the invincibility of the Reich and the determination to fight to the bitter end, Nazi officers are heard more and more often in private conversation expressing hopes that a compromise will spare Germany a second winter of war.

This opinion, which was possibly given on instructions from the Propaganda Ministry, was probably expressed to respond to the feelings of the population which is severely feeling the pinch of the rationing system, which has reduced them to the consumption only of production absolutely indispensable for mere subsistence.—Havas.

MAURETANIA SECRET

HONOLULU, YESTERDAY.
THE CUNARD-WHITE STAR LINER MAURETANIA, WHICH LEFT NEW YORK A FORTNIGHT AGO, HAS SAILED FROM HONOLULU AFTER A SHORT STOP FOR REFUELLING.

The captain discussed the trip from New York but refused to reveal the ship's destination.

He said: "We are definitely not on a cruise. We are on a mission but not as a warship."—Reuter.

Meanwhile, the German press "reveals" that Britain is about to initiate "a new phase of the war," and connects this with the name of Mr. Churchill.

"Churchill's promotion to supreme minister of the armed forces proves that the Imperialist powers will make a serious attempt to widen the theatre of war," writes the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

The paper adds that instead of being the defenders of small nations, the Western Powers have become their enemies.

They forcefully abuse the right of peace and independence everywhere where there is no great power to resist them.

The "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" declares: "Churchill rides roughshod over international law and does not mind threatening the neutral Scandinavian countries."—Reuter.

NAZIS SELL LOOT IN AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.

Much interest attaches to reports that the Nazis are obtaining huge sums in foreign credits and currencies by sending priceless jewels seized during the rape of Poland to the United States for sale.

Thousands of dollars worth of jewels, which had been in the possession of aristocratic Polish families for centuries, are reported to have been disposed of in the United States. The jewels are said to have been flown across the Atlantic by Pan-American Airways Clipper.—Havas.

"COBBER" CAIN ON CASUALTY LIST

London, Yesterday.

The latest R.A.F. casualty list includes the name of Flying-Officer ("Cobber") Cain, the young New Zealander, who has brought down five Nazi planes.

Cain, who was wounded, is now on leave in England. — Reuter.

ALLIES' FIRST STEP

Simultaneous Notes To Norway And Sweden

No Hint Given Of Contents

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED IN DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS BY JOINT ACTION TAKEN TO-DAY BY THE ALLIES TO ACQUAINT THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WITH THEIR VIEWS ON PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF WAR DEVELOPMENTS.

In Paris, the French Prime Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, held a conversation with the Swedish and Norwegian Ministers, while in London, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, handed Notes to the Swedish and Norwegian representatives affecting British relations with the two countries.



The Finns Move Out. Finnish families collect all household goods they can carry in the short time allowed by the Russian peace treaty for the evacuation of the civilian population from the districts to be ceded. A family, including a number of young children, on the ledge which is piled with household belongings as they leave the ceded territory. (By Air Mail, Copyright)

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS CALLED UP

London, Yesterday.
Men who were 25 last year are registering to-day under the Military Service Act, and it is expected that 300,000 men will be affected.

Men of 26 will register later this month. This is the first time that two classes have registered in any one month.

The total men called up has now reached nearly 2,000,000. — Reuter.

EUROPEANS IN MOTOR SMASH

A head-on collision between a motor-cycle and a taxicab involving three Europeans, occurred at 9.15 p.m. yesterday at the Kimberley Road near its Nathan Road junction.

The persons involved were—
Mr. A. Mann, of Messrs. Gilman and Company, residing at No. 9, Tak Shing Street;
Mr. George Knight, residing in Shatin; and
Mr. S. Gidley, of No. 37, Kimberley Road.

Mr. Mann was driving a motor-cycle with Mr. Knight on the pillion seat. He collided with taxicab No. 777, which turned into Kimberley Road from Nathan Road, crashing into the front wheel of the car.

The two men were thrown to the ground, and Mr. Mann, with injuries to the head, had to be treated at the Kowloon Hospital. Mr. Knight escaped injuries.

Mr. Gidley was the passenger in the taxi which was not damaged. The motor-cycle was badly damaged.

FRENCH ECONOMIC COUNCIL BEGINS TASK

Paris, Yesterday.
The new French Economic Council met to-day for the first time.

No official statement was issued after the meeting but M. Camille Chautemps, the former Premier, who presided, said complete agreement had been reached on several urgent questions. — Reuter.

DUTCH BORDER PATROL DISAPPEARS

THE HAGUE, YESTERDAY.

A PATROL OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMY, IT WAS REVEALED TO-DAY, LOST ITS WAY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND WANDERED INTO GERMANY.

Nothing has been heard of the men since then, and it is believed the 10 men are being detained by the Germans.

Some months ago a similar incident occurred, the Dutch soldiers being released by the Nazis after 24 hours.

The patrol now missing consists of a sergeant, a corporal and eight privates.

According to a provincial paper, the "Limburg Koerier," the patrol was guarding the frontier near Swalmen, in south-east Holland, at a point where there are no electrical fences or other barriers and it is easy to stray into German territory.

When the relief patrol arrived they found the men they had come to relieve had disappeared.

A close search was made and it was plain they had vanished into Germany.

All efforts to get news of them or to secure their return have been unavailing.—Reuter.

HOLLAND ENDORSES AGREEMENT

The Hague, Yesterday.

Two Royal Decrees have been issued enforcing the wartime trade agreement between the Netherlands and Great Britain.

The first decree announces a long list of imports forbidden except by permission of the Government. Goods will only be imported if they are consigned to a Government-controlled company.

The second decree restricts re-exports to bullion and of imports from overseas.

NORWAY INCENSED

Oslo, Yesterday.

The repeated attacks by Nazi planes on the Norwegian steamer Mira on her way to Norway from Britain are replied to in the Norwegian press this morning.

The "Morgenbladet" says: "We have no hesitation in saying that the Germans, by this murderous attack, have done more harm to their own cause than ever before."

Another Oslo newspaper speaks of "this unparalleled brutality and ruthlessness."

It declares that only the timely arrival of a British destroyer prevented "the greatest disaster in Norwegian maritime history."

The paper points out that the Mira was on a legitimate route and was attacked no fewer than eight times. — Reuter.

SENSELESS OUTRAGE

Brussels, Yesterday.

Further German aerial attacks on defenceless Belgian fishing craft were revealed to-day.

Three fishing craft were repeatedly machine-gunned by a Nazi plane off the Belgian coast on Wednesday evening. None of them was damaged.

The fishing-vessels were on the high seas fishing for purely domestic requirements, their national colours were clearly displayed, they were not in convoy, they were not armed and were not using their radio. — Reuter.

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War

THE other day, in a snowstorm, a whilom house-painter met an ex-journalist in the Brenner Pass. They talked for two hours; they lunched together and then they separated.

Those are the bare facts, and we know for a certainty no more than this. But our guesses and speculations betray our uneasy sense for the realities.

These two men concentrate in their own persons a capacity for action that has no match in the world of today. The qualities of will-power, ruthless calculation and uncanny skill in the management of men that raised them in a few years from obscurity to omnipotence face us as the destiny with which we have to grapple.

These qualities made of a down-and-out loafer in a Vienna doss-house the Dictator of Europe. What have we got with which to meet and overcome them?

We do not know and it is useless to guess what Hitler and Mussolini said to each other when they talked in their bullet-proof train. But it is a safe guess that from the height of the Brenner they looked down on the European landscape and surveyed it. What did they see?

East of the Siegfried Line they saw nothing that could challenge them. West of it lay immobile two armies that have kept their positions in complete inaction through six months. In the far North they could just desecrate neutral Scandinavia, paralysed by their threats.

For a moment it had caused them some anxiety. It had for a few days or weeks been in doubt whether the Swedes and Norwegians would open their ports and railways to the armies of the West. But their Governments had measured the risks, as did the Finns.

The result had been all that Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini could wish. The conclusion of the Scandinavians was that they preferred German dictation to Allied help. They had learned their lesson from the fate of the Poles and Czechs. Henceforward, the threat of any turning movement on the North could be dismissed.

Allied strategists had contemplated two ways of ending the deadlock and "spreading the war." One would have turned Scandinavia into a

In This Bloodless Warfare, The Germans, So Far, Have Scored All The Successes

battlefield. The other proposed to operate in the East — perhaps in Rumania, possibly in the Caucasus.

To this second threat it is probable that the Fuehrer and the Duce devoted most of their attention. An Allied army of the East is already near the scene of possible action. But

On the other hand, it is equally clear that Mussolini is not drawing nearer to the Western Powers. He remains the outwardly loyal ally of Germany, presumably because he believes in a German victory.

It is significant that although an Anglo-Italian trade agreement was

No one wins victories in this war of mutual blockade. The test of success is the ability of each side to attract allies and intimidate neutrals.

There we have failed. We are paying to-day for our conduct towards China and Abyssinia, the Spaniards and the Czechs. We are paying for our failure to help the Poles during their ordeal with anything more deadly than a shower of leaflets.

We shall go on paying for these past follies so long as we entrust our leadership to the present men. Mr. Chamberlain's record of failure is unbroken.

This survey shall conclude with a question. The Opposition continues to give its support to Mr. Chamberlain. It has, of course, surveyed the landscape. It sees the road to victory straight and clear—to victory under this captain.

Without

the Rumanians have not called on it to move. Nor have the Turks opened the Dardanelles.

The problem before the Dictators was to ensure that this army shall remain to the end of the chapter as idle, as useless as the Expeditionary Force that never set sail for Finland.

The method they adopted is fairly clear in outline. Much that comes to us from Berlin in the form of news is obviously bluff and wishful thinking. It tells us rather what Hitler is trying to do than what he has certainly achieved.

But, at least, it deserves our critical attention. As I read it, the scheme falls under three heads.

(1) We are reminded that Italy, though she is not fighting, is not a neutral. She is still Germany's ally, and revolves round the Axis.

She will enter the war, if and when the ends of the Axis will best be

negotiated several weeks ago, Mussolini flatly refused to sign it.

The consequences of this ambiguity in Italy's attitude are obvious. That Eastern Army dare make no rash movements, for its safety depends on the naval command of the Mediterranean.

Victory

If Italy came into the war, this army would be cut off from its sources of supply, until Mussolini's submarines had been driven from all their many bases on the islands and shores of the Middle Sea.

(2) Berlin intends that Rumania shall never call for Allied help. King Carol, by a surprising gesture, has seemed to indicate that he is sliding into the German camp. That is the only natural interpretation of his reconciliation with the Iron Guard, and the entry of one of its leaders into the Ministry.

Hard on this comes the descent of Dr. Schacht on Bucharest. It looks as though Rumania had learned her lesson from the Swedes and Finns. She either is, or wishes to seem, pro-German, and she is prepared to place her agricultural riches at Germany's disposal.

(3) We are told by Berlin that Germany, Italy, and Russia either have marked out or are about to mark out their respective spheres of interest in the Balkans.

One does not necessarily believe this statement, but it does tell us what Hitler and Von Ribbentrop are trying to do, and think they can do.

They believe, to put it bluntly and briefly, that they have got an effective combination, political and economic, of the three Great Powers that dominate Central and Eastern Europe.

If these three are acting together under German leadership, the neutrals within their range of influence will do their bidding. Rumania will be as tame as Sweden, and even the Turks will think twice before they challenge this mighty coalition.

It is, then, at least a probable conclusion that the eastern turning movement, on which so many Allied strategists were relying, has failed, like the Northern movement, before it could begin.

We are thrown back then on the situation we have endured during the past six months—stalemate and mutual siege. No way of escape from it is obvious: the two exits that did beckon our strategists have both been closed.

In this peculiar war, the question whether Italy and Russia are belligerents is of minor importance. No Power is actively fighting with all its forces, neither Germany, nor France nor Great Britain, save that we and the Germans are engaged in a sort of guerrilla war with planes, submarines, destroyers and trawlers in the North Sea.

All are mobilised. All use the full weight of their ability to threaten and enjoin the neutrals. In this bloodless warfare, the Germans so far have scored all the successes.

In the process the efficacy of the one weapon on which we had relied is being decided. While Germany can rally round her all the neutrals, great and small, Russia and Italy as well as Sweden and Rumania, our blockade can have no terrors for her.

Our passivity plays into her hands. She may be vulnerable because she has no supply or reserve of oil adequate for a hot and incessant war; but she is not using her oil. Her tanks never stir. Her vast armadas of planes lie still in their underground hangars. She need use her oil only in occasional raids, not of squadrons but of single planes.

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served by her doing so. This, it is hinted, would happen if the war spread to the Balkans.

Is this merely German bluff? One notes that there is no clear echo of all this from Rome. It is certain that neither the Italian army nor the Italian people wishes to fight.

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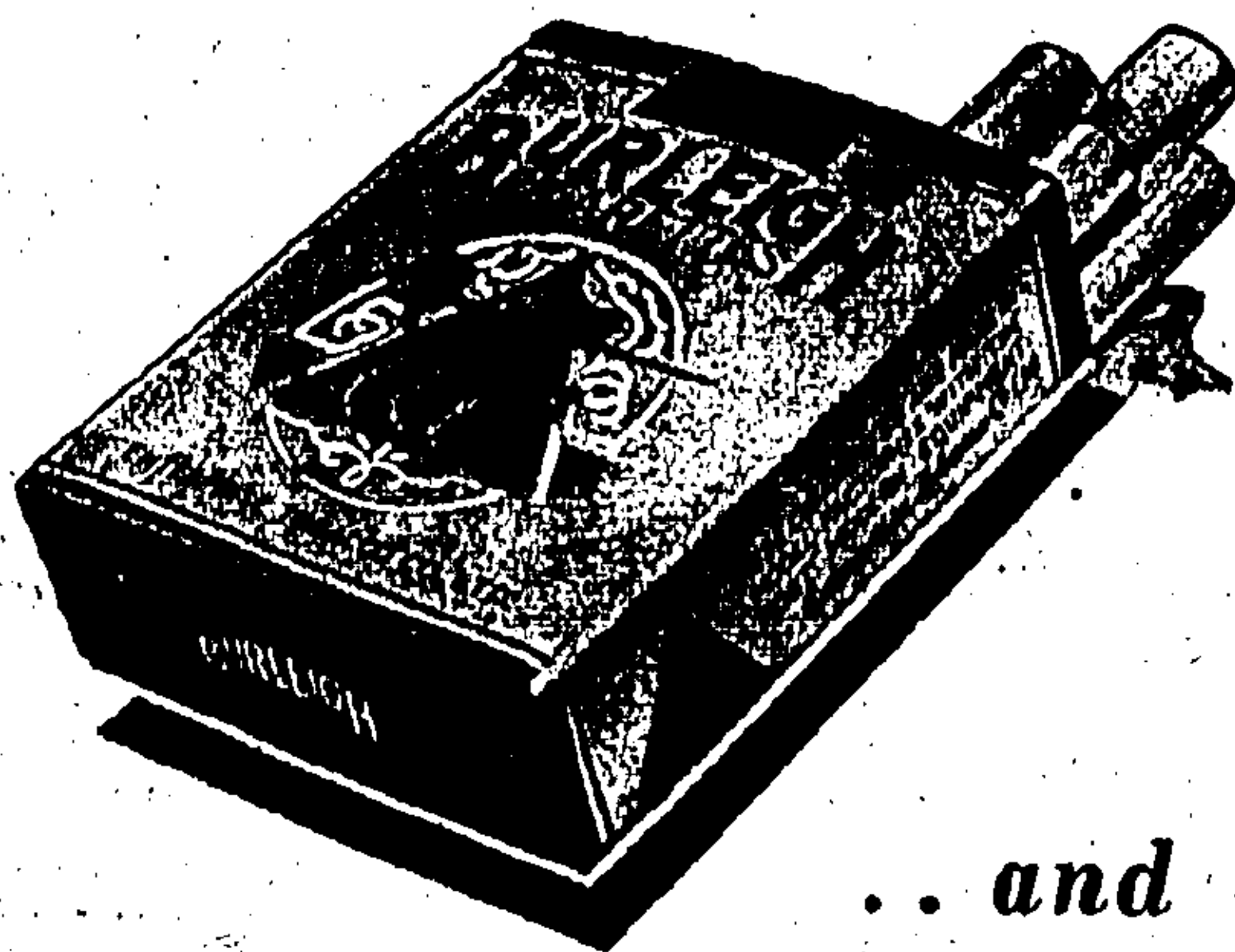
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TRIBUTE TO THE COLONIES: RALLY AGAINST HITLER

London, Yesterday.
TRIBUTE IS PAID BY "The Times" this morning to the manner in which the Crown Colonies have rallied, with unanimous loyalty, to the general cause of the alliance against Hitlerism.
"This is the more gratifying because few of them have known much prosperity in the past troubled decade."

NAZI AIR ATTACK ON TRAWLER

London, Yesterday.
A determined Nazi attack on a British fishing vessel was described when the trawler "Bracondene" reached a North British port yesterday.

Five trawlers were fishing alone together on the North Sea fishing grounds when two Nazi aeroplanes appeared.

The ships scattered but the Nazis concentrated on one—the "Gorspen"—and sank her with bombs.

The "Gorspen's" crew took to the boats after the vessel had been hit and were picked up by the "Bracondene."

Describing the attack, a member of the "Bracondene's" crew said: "The Nazis seemed determined to sink the 'Gorspen'. They dropped eight bombs. When our skipper saw the ship in difficulties he went to her help. The planes were still about when we picked up the crew."

Then a British fighter appeared and the German planes disappeared.—British Wireless.

CONGRESS JITTERBUG

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
Washington, Yesterday.
A Congressional investigation into foreign propaganda in the United States seems imminent, as demands are multiplying for the questioning of high State Department officials in this connection.

U.S. envoys, according to those clamouring for the investigation, have abused their position by showing American sympathy for Britain and France. Allied propaganda is trying to get Uncle Sam to join in the war, say isolationist circles.—Havas.

MR. CORDELL HULL GETS HIS WAY

Washington, Yesterday.
The Senate has renewed for three years the power of the Government to conclude reciprocal trade agreements without the authorisation of Congress.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, declared the object of the measure was to create a solid foundation for peace after the war.—Reuter.

The chief contribution of the Colonies to the common cause lies naturally in the economic sphere: with supplies of food and raw materials which both sustain the life of the Mother Country and strengthen the arm to fight. Thus the British Government have purchased the entire exportable crop of the sugar-growing colonies and the cocoa of Nigeria and the Gold Coast.

"Rubber and tin in great quantities are coming from the Federated Malay States which have recently crowned a long series of voluntary contributions to Imperial Defence with a munificent gift of £1,000,000."

"But the participation of the Colonies in the war is by no means limited to materials."

EAGER TO SEND MEN
"All of them have been quick to enlist troops for their own defence and many are eager to send men for service on the European or other possible battlefields."

"Although in some cases the large demand from the Old World has stimulated production, the general effect of the war on Colonial economy is necessarily adverse, and in many Dependencies taxation has had to be increased. It was unavoidable also that the Government in Whitehall should temporarily tighten its hold upon the reins of administration."

SELF-GOVERNMENT
"More opportune, therefore, was Mr. Macdonald's recent statement of colonial policy in which he both offered early help to colonial finance, and defined afresh the firm intention to lead the Colonies after the war steadily towards self-government."

"In all departments of Colonial Government, financial and economic, political and constitutional, it may be hoped that the closest possible co-operation may be maintained with the French Empire which marches with our own in every quarter of the globe. Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Mandel, French Colonial Minister in both the Daladier and Reynaud Governments held some fruitful conversations last month with a view to making the economic resources of the two Empires complementary to one another in the prosecution of the war."

"There is every reason to plan this joint economy on such lines that it may continue when the war is over."—British Wireless.

CHIANG'S REWARD FOR MERIT

Shanghai, Yesterday.
In consideration of their meritorious services, General Chiang Kai-shek has ordered \$30,000 to be remitted by the Chinese Government to the Chinese troops commanded by General Fu Tso-yi, who recently recaptured the new and old cities of Wuyuan, in Shensi province, says the "Sin Wan Pao."—Reuter.

"THE FAREWELL LIGHT"



A W.A.A.F. gives a B.E.F. Tommy a farewell light as he left for somewhere in France at Waterloo Station on March 24, at the end of his leave. She carried his rifle to the station for him, too. (Air Mail).

ARMY SUSPICIOUS

Not Enthusiastic About Mr. Wang

"Japan Must Be Careful"

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Tokyo, Yesterday.
JAPAN MUST BE CAREFUL not to become intoxicated about the new Nanking regime, says the "Kokumin Shimbun," which reflects the views of Army circles.

The paper says: "The foundation of the new regime should rather serve the Government to reconsider its attitude in refusing to face stern realities."

"We must undertake formation of the new government for a solution of the China incident."

"The new government must become the political link between Japan and China. The following conditions are necessary:—"

"Firstly, we must win the support of the Chinese masses."

"Secondly, we must save China from the mistake of using her new unity to antagonise Japan, as Chiang Kai-shek did."—Havas.

Conference Of Consuls In America

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A conference of all Japanese consuls in the United States was held in Washington in the latter part of March, the "Japan Times" reveals to-day.

Representatives of the Japanese Legation in Canada also attended. The conference discussed the

situation arising out of the denunciation by the United States of the 1911 treaty of commerce, and came to the conclusion that the time was not ripe for conclusion of a new agreement.

The conference expressed gratification at the success of Japan in gaining new markets and sources of raw materials in South America.

Japanese exports to South America are expected to double, the "Japan Times" declares.—Havas.

DR. KOHT'S CAUTION

OSLO, YESTERDAY.

SPEAKING TO-DAY ON THE FINNISH-SOVIET WAR THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. KOHT, SAID GERMANY WOULD HAVE REGARDED IT AS A HOSTILE ACT IF NORWAY HAD PERMITTED THE PASSAGE OF ALLIED TROOPS OR IF NORWAY HAD HELPED FINLAND BY AN ARMED FORCE.

The latter action, he said, would have been regarded by the Nazis as part of the war against Germany.

Dr. Koht concluded: "I think we should wait before deciding on the question of a Northern defensive alliance till Finnish-Russian relations become clearer."—Reuter.

A DOUBLE DOSE

How a large junk on its way from Swatow to Hong Kong was twice stopped and looted by pirates was revealed last night when the junk reached harbour.

The junk No. T3566, registered in Hong Kong with a crew of seven, 55 passengers and a cargo of vegetables left Swatow at 8 p.m. on April 1.

At 2.30 p.m. on April 4, three junks appeared and fired several shots. Twenty-five pirates, armed with rifles, revolvers and swords, boarded the junk and transferred 70 per cent. of the cargo.

On Friday, at 7.30 p.m. the junk was stopped by other pirates. Seven men boarded and, after forcing the crew into one of the holds, seized the remainder of the cargo.

HATS FOR EVERYBODY

London, Yesterday.
British clothing manufacturers are inaugurating an intensified selling campaign to increase the export trade.

Next week, a drive begins to sell more hats abroad and yesterday 24 different styles were displayed in London, illustrating the individual requirements of about 50 countries.

Continental styles were distinctive for their taller crowns and metallic colourings; brighter shades find a ready market in the sunny countries of the South. Smart English styles are chosen by Estonia and the small Baltic States and the Scandinavian countries have the same taste.—British Wireless.

DEATH OF GEN. SUNG CHEH-YUAN

Chungking, Yesterday.
General Sung Cheh-yuan, former Chairman of the Hopt-Chahar Political Council and commander of the 29th Army, died of prolonged illness in north Szechwan yesterday.

General Sung, who was 55 at the time of his death, is survived by his wife, six daughters and a young son.—Central News.

WEYGAND-SIKORSKI CONFERENCE

Paris, Yesterday.
General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, has had a long interview with General Weygand, Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in the Near East.—Reuter.

Establishment of a Dr. Tsai Yuan-poi Memorial Library in Hong Kong or Kowloon is planned by the Pella Alumni Association in Hong Kong.

GOVERNOR OF MALTA

London, Yesterday.
Sir Charles Bonham-Carter, Governor of Malta, is still seriously ill with pneumonia. A bulletin issued to-day says his strength is being maintained.—Reuter.

THE MAP BUSINESS CLEARED UP

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Paris, Yesterday.
The famous "map affair" was cleared up yesterday when a group of French and foreign newspapermen visited the Premier's Office and saw several maps hanging there, as in any statesman's office.

The map which aroused all the fuss (Nazi propaganda saying it depicted the new frontiers of Europe drawn up by the Allies) merely draws a comparison between political boundaries before the Anschluss with Austria when Hitler planned to carve up Europe, and the joint partition of Poland by the Nazis and the Soviet.

In order better to show German and Soviet annexations, the new delimitation of borders was superimposed on a map drawn prior to March, 1938.

The borders of Switzerland and Denmark were not clearly indicated, hence these two countries look like part of Germany.

The Balkans were not indicated in the map.—Havas.

Mr. Murphy Reports

Paris, Yesterday.
The United States charge d'affaires, Mr. Murphy, has now looked into the map affair.

The map, an ordinary coloured map, showed the changes in the frontiers of Europe since Hitler's march into Austria. Coloured pins marked the various German acts of aggression.

The photographer was apparently a better artist than political expert for the photo shows Germany as absorbing Denmark and Luxembourg; Holland and Belgium as one country, and the Aegean Sea filled in.—Reuter.

An Odd Moment

Berlin, Yesterday.
At the same time the Nazi press was filled with lying versions of the Propaganda Minister, gave a talk on the "trusted position" of the Nazi press in war.

The Nazi press, he said, stood between leadership and the people. "It to-day Germany enjoys security," he declared, "it is largely due to her responsible press!"—Reuter.

JAPANESE ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Tientsin, Yesterday.
Ten Japanese who continued to indulge in gambling despite repeated police warnings have been arrested and will be given severe punishment.

The measure is part of the Japanese consular police campaign to eliminate gambling. Gambling debts have led to many cases of embezzlement by Japanese minor officials.—Havas.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEASURES BILL

Cape Town, Yesterday.
The South African Senate has approved the War Measures Bill by a majority of twelve. The bill has already passed the House of Assembly.

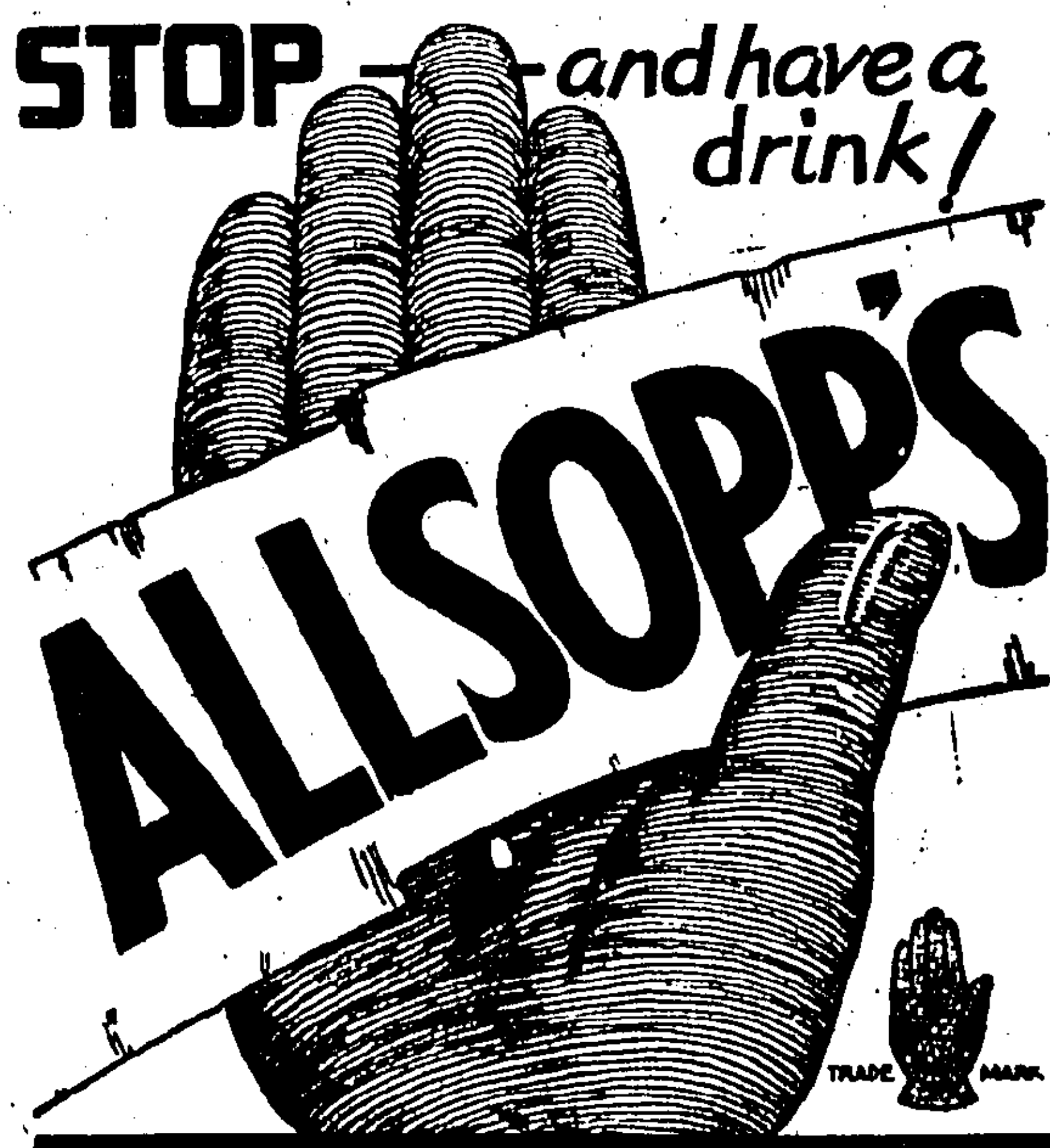
The bill gives the Governor-General power to make regulations for the maintenance of order in the effective prosecution of the war and covers regulations already issued in connection with war measures.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE PLAN

Melbourne, Yesterday.
Australia has taken a move to conserve the Empire's foreign exchange. It was announced to-day that exporters of petroleum products to Australia will have to take payment in Sterling in London. Previously purchases of oil could be paid for in U.S. dollars.—Reuter.

TALKS CONTINUING

London, Yesterday.
Yesterday's talks between M. Georges Monnet, French Minister of Blockade, and Mr. Ronald Cross, British Minister of Economic Warfare, continued this morning. The talks have shown complete agreement.—Reuter.



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MOSCOW SLANGS WANG

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Soviet radio continues its violent anti-Japanese and anti-Wang Ching-wei attacks.

An article which appeared in "Pravda" and was later broadcast, stated: "Japanese industry, working for the Japanese imperialists, is dying. The Japanese ship of state is grounded on the Chinese rocks."

"The Japanese want to seize China from within but the Chinese people goes on fighting their aggressors and will not accept the chains of slavery."

The broadcast insisted on closer relations between Moscow and Chungking.—Havas.

JAPAN AFRAID FOR TRADE WITH GERMANY

Tokyo, Yesterday.
ACCORDING TO THE "Kokumin Shimbun" the Government has decided to instruct the Ambassador in London to negotiate with the British Government "for the protection of neutral commerce."

The newspaper says Japan's case is based, firstly, on the argument that the British Government's extended interpretation of war contraband is an abuse of belligerent rights and therefore absolutely unacceptable.

Secondly, in view of the fact that Vladivostok now plays the role of seaport for Germany in the Far East, Japan is apprehensive that the European war may "disturb" seas close to Japan, and, in accordance with her policy of non-involvement in the war, Japan would refuse to permit this.

The newspaper adds that Britain is likely to extend the blockade network throughout the world, and trade relations between Japan, Manchukuo and Germany—which are pillars of Japan's foreign trade—would be in danger of breaking down.—Reuter.

HOME LEAVE

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

HOME LEAVE OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS, GENERALLY, HAS YET NOT BEEN RESUMED. THE "SUNDAY HERALD" WAS AUTHORITATIVELY INFORMED YESTERDAY.

It is, however, learned that special cases, where leave has long been overdue, are under consideration. Several members of the Police Force and a number of other Government servants have been granted leave.

Those going on leave, however, are liable to be recalled to Hong Kong before expiration of the leave period.

WATCHMAN FINED AND WARNED

"If you do not stop causing trouble, I will send you to prison," said Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon yesterday to Kishan Singh, 30, watchman who was charged with assaulting two Chinese coolies.

Singh was fined \$10, ordered to pay \$2 compensation, and to sign a \$20 bond to keep the peace for one year.

Sergeant Whitley said that at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, accused first teased two coolies then struck them with his fist. He had caused much trouble to the police when under the influence of drink.

MILLION A DAY IN NEW FACTORIES

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, in a speech at Wolverhampton this afternoon, said Germany in the industrial field was way behind ourselves.

He pointed to the Nazi difficulty in obtaining essential supplies of raw materials, a difficulty which was unknown to us owing to our command of the seas, which enabled us to get supplies from anywhere.

Mr. Burgin referred to the immense arms factories now being built, and said that the Ministry of Supply was spending £1,000,000 a day on factories alone.

He appealed to every machine-tool maker to see that his works were fully occupied and to see that full use was made of tools during every hour of the day.—Reuter.

JOYRIDERS BREAK LONG RECORD

A twelve-year record was broken when a motor-cycle was reported missing on Friday.

The cycle, No. 1043, owned by Mr. L. A. Carvalho, prominent member of the Club de Regio, was "stolen" from Star Ferry motor-cycle parking place between 9 p.m. and midnight on Friday.

According to police records, up to 12 years ago, motor-cycles were frequently driven away by unauthorized persons. Since then no similar incident had been reported to the police until Friday.

Some 63 rifle bullets, wrapped in Chinese newspaper, were found by Sergeant V. Morrison on Friday, in the gutter in Thomson Road. Confiscation was ordered by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

NURSING WOUNDED TO HEALTH



After weeks of severe fighting in which thousands were killed and wounded, the brave little Finnish democracy has now settled down to quieter days. In the meantime thousands of soldiers who were wounded are now being nursed back to health. Photo shows what was formerly a modern hotel in the beautiful lake district of Finland, converted into a military hospital to meet present day needs. A scene in one of the wards. (Air Mail).

CHURCHILL APPOINTMENT A "PROVOCATION" TO NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
BERNE, YESTERDAY.

ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE KEPT SILENT FOR TWO DAYS NOW, POLITICAL CIRCLES IN BERLIN AND THE GERMAN PRESS CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL TO THE HEAD OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRIES AS CONSTITUTING A PROVOCATION TO GERMANY.

Political circles in Berlin say Mr. Churchill is now in possession of the necessary powers to have his opinion prevail in Government discussions.

The strong impression made in Germany by the appointment is also stressed by the Berlin correspondent of the Copenhagen paper "National Tidende."

The Reich now expects a period of intensive military activity on all fronts, the correspondent says. He adds that "Der Angriff," the organ of Dr. Goebbels, threatens Britain with complete destruction should this expectation materialise. —Havas.

ITALIAN SUBMARINE TRIALS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Rome, Yesterday. Italy's latest submarine has just undergone its trials in the Gulf of Tarento. A dive of 300 feet was successful, and the rescue equipment also came through with flying colours. —Havas.

READ THIS TO THE VERY END

London, Yesterday. During the previous ten days, no British ship had been subjected to attack by Nazi submarines but the German Transoceanic Agency yesterday gave a long account of the sinking of the Greek ship, Diamantis, off the Irish Coast. The story, told in the form of an interview with the U-Boat Commander sets out to show the care with which neutral seamen were treated by the Nazi officers, but omits to state that the Diamantis was sunk as long ago as October 3 by a U-Boat commanded by Kapitän-Lieutenant Lott, who has been a prisoner of war in England since November 27th.—British Wire-less.

GERMAN PRESSURE ON JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Tokyo, Yesterday. The extraordinary silence of the German press on the occasion of the installation of Wang Ching-wei's regime in Nanking is considered by Japanese political circles to be part of a large-scale manoeuvre to drag Japan into the European war on the Reich's side.

Foreign observers also discuss the strange silence of the Nazi press, particularly in view of the warm welcome given to the Wang Ching-wei government in the Italian press, whose articles were widely reprinted here.

The same observers also note the irritation of Japanese political quarters when questioned on this subject, and take it as confirmation that Germany is trying to obtain from Japan an abandonment of her "hesitant attitude of complacency towards the Allies" and to secure, if not outright support, at least Japan's "friendly neutrality." —Havas.

R.A.F. MAN BURIED IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

Flight-Sergeant J. Miller, a Canadian serving with the R.A.F., who was killed recently when an R.A.F. bomber was shot down by Dutch fighters, was buried in Holland yesterday with full military honours.

The other four members of the crew, who are interned, attended the funeral in uniform. A large section of the Dutch public attended the funeral and Dutch air-men were the pall-bearers.—Reuter.

ALLIES v. THE REST In Conflict With Ambitions Of Mussolini

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.

SIR PERCY LORAIN, British Ambassador to Italy, arrived in London yesterday, on short leave; his presence in London is considered most opportune for the consultations starting on Monday between the British Government and the chiefs of diplomatic missions in the Danubian and Balkan countries.

It is considered in diplomatic circles that foremost in the discussions will be the Italian and Russian policies to south-east Europe.

Already diplomats have handed in their reports on the situation in the countries in which they reside.

RUMANIA REJECTS NAZI DEMAND

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Bucharest, Yesterday.

According to well-informed quarters the Rumanian Government will not accept an increase in the value of the reichsmark in relation to the lei, as demanded by the Nazis.

It is understood that Dr. Clodius, the German economic leader, is now insisting on this point owing to the unfavourable influence caused by the previous increase in the reichsmark's value on the Rumanian market because of the simultaneous increase in the value of German goods in Rumanian lei.

Owing to the delay in delivery of German and Austrian goods, the Rumanian cash balance now amounts to 2,600,000,000 lei.

On the other hand, Rumania does not seem to be prepared to concede the German request for a reduction in the export tax on cereals, though she did make a concession in reducing the tax on other products from April 1.—Havas.

FRENCH TUG MASTER'S GALLANTRY

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

THE MASTER OF A FRENCH SALVAGE TUG NOW ON THE HIGH SEAS WILL RECEIVE A BRITISH DECORATION WHEN HE GETS TO PORT. HE WILL BE GIVEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE GALLANTRY MEDAL WITH PALM FOR CONSPICUOUS COURAGE AND RESOURCE.

A British tanker at anchor in a French port recently caught fire. Within ten minutes, the salvage tug master had bucked the stern of his vessel against the burning tanker and, despite the intense heat he grappled with it and towed it out into open waters.—Reuter.

CROIX DE GUERRE FOR CZECH

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

PARIS, YESTERDAY.

FOR HAVING DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON MARCH 3, A YOUNG CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PILOT IS TO RECEIVE THE CROIX DE GUERRE.

The citation says that he fought against an enemy superior in numbers, showing fine qualities of calm and courage.

He extinguished a fire on board his own plane, although he was wounded and fought on until his plane was badly damaged.—Havas.

FINNISH AID BUREAU RECRUITING

London, Yesterday.

The Finnish Aid Bureau in London is still recruiting British volunteers, this time for work in the reconstruction of the country.

The Bureau reveals that Lord Nuffield, the motor magnate, made it possible for it to be organized by a promise of £100,000 if the sum could not be raised from other sources.—Reuter.

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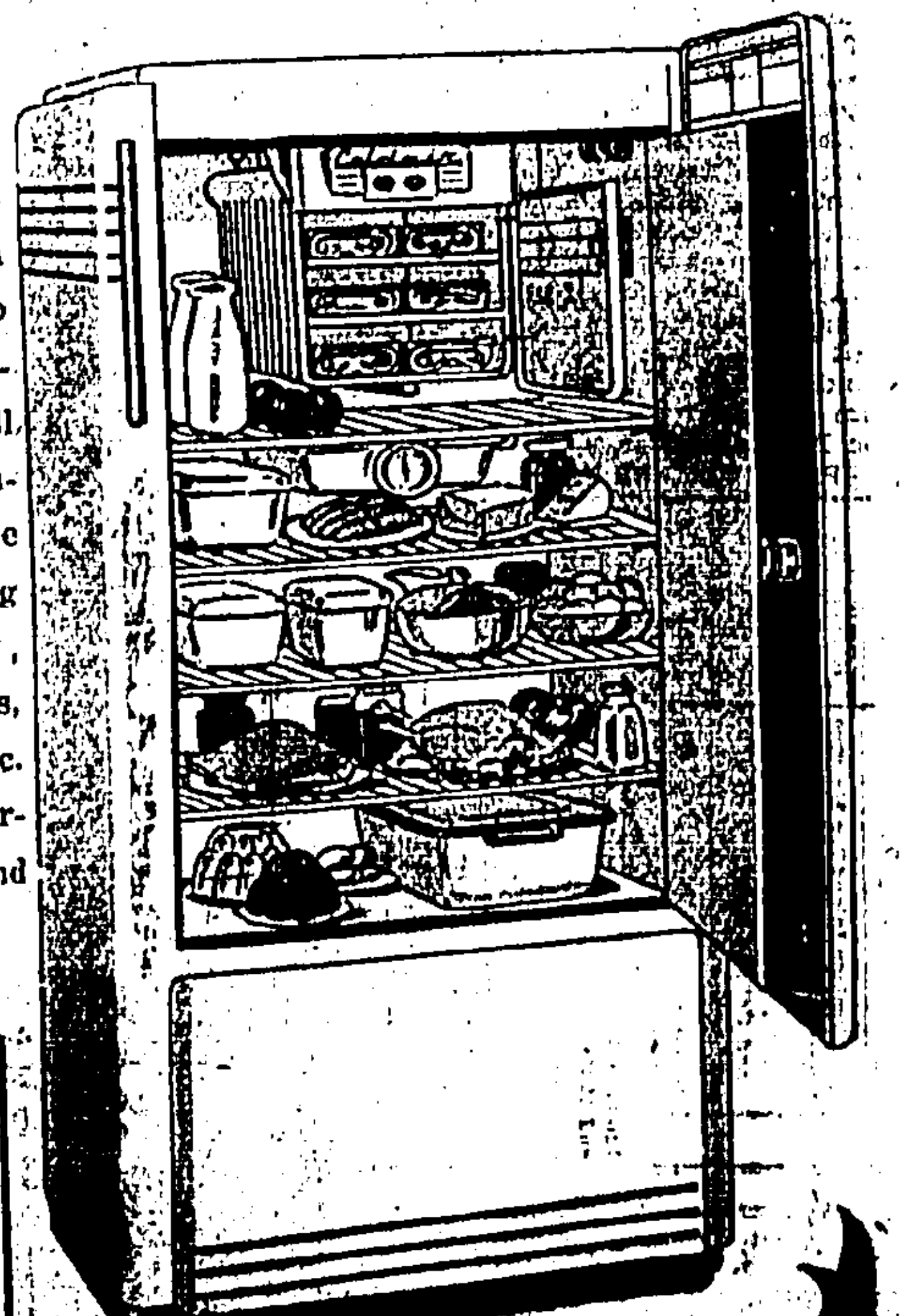
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 of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 8th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.
 Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2	3	4	5	6
Kowloon Island Lot No. 423	1	Boundary Measurements: N. S. E. W.	Contents in Square Feet: N. S. E. W.	Annual Rental: About 3.75	Upset Price: \$2,750
Location of Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, bounded by the sea on the north and east, and by the Ma Tau Chung Road on the south and west.				As per sale plan	

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	3	4	5	6	7
New Kowloon Island Lot No. 272	1	Boundary Measurements: N. S. E. W.	Contents in Square Feet: N. S. E. W.	Annual Rental: About 10.00	Upset Price: \$7,200
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DIPLOMACY remains the principal weapon with which Hitler wages war.

His agreement with Stalin facilitated the attainment of his immediate objective in Poland.

By a well-timed threat, directed at Norway and Sweden, he kept British and French forces out of Scandinavia and made sure of his iron ore supplies.

of supply until she is in a position to bear, without anxiety, the heavy and continuous expenditure of material involved in full scale military operations.

This is her guiding consideration, for instance, in her relationship with Russia. The territories controlled by Stalin stretch in an unbroken line from the Arctic to the Black and Caspian Seas and from the Pacific Ocean to the Baltic. They cover one-sixth of the surface of the globe and contain vast reserves of essential raw materials.

The full force of his dilemma is once evident from a glance at the map. Italy's land frontiers are dominated by Germany in the north and by France in the west. Her industrial region is readily exposed to air attack. Her coast-line is 2,800 miles in extent and four-fifths of her trade is carried by sea.

THE assumption of an attitude of neutrality towards Germany, whose promises in the event of her defeat would rest on sand, and, in the event of her victory, on a word so often perjured, would seem to offer her the best assurance of security.

It is this be a war in which the immediate victories are to be won in the field of diplomacy, rather than on the battlefield, then, Germany has reached a critical stage in her sequence of success.

She beguiled Russia—will Italy succumb to her wiles? (World Copyright 1940 by "Sunday Herald" and Co-operation. Reproduction in whole or part strictly forbidden.)

THE most attractive field now open for his further exploitation is the Balkan Peninsula. Here are to be found grain and cattle, timber and oil and a wealth of mineral resources. But in this region, with its outlets to the Mediterranean and Black Seas, Italy and Russia, as well as the Allies, have economic and strategic interests.

The task confronting Hitler, therefore, is not merely the easy one, to which he is so well accustomed, of intimidating neighbours who are both small and weak. He has in addition a two-fold problem to solve.

BEFORE making any move he must consider the possible reactions, not only of his enemies, Britain and France, but of his friends, Italy and Russia.

He must measure the possibility of armed resistance and, in that event, the invocation by one or more of

Time, however, will be required for their satisfactory development and for the necessary improvement of communications.

IN order that Germany may derive the benefits of this policy, it is in her interests that the present military inactivity should continue and that Russia should refrain from further bellicose adventures.

It is unlikely that Hitler, having extricated Stalin from one diversion, will proceed to involve himself in another.

It is more probable that Germany will prefer to pursue in the Balkans the insidious method of peaceful penetration, supported by the usual threats. In this way, she can hope to avoid armed conflict.

She cannot, however, follow this course without having come to an understanding with Russia and Italy upon the limits of her designs.

Russia has a territorial claim in Bessarabia and is vitally concerned with developments affecting her position in the Black Sea.

Italy, on her side, has ambitions in Yugo-Slavia and cannot afford her command of the Adriatic to be put at risk. It was at Easter a year ago that she established her foothold by the conquest of Albania, which came as her direct reply to the menace offered by the German occupation of Czecho-Slovakia.

Hitler Beguiled Russia. Will Italy Succumb To His Wiles

the victims, of help from the Allies, and in certain circumstances from Turkey also.

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Italy and Germany would become the "guardians" of a Danubian Confederation comprising Yugo-Slavia, Roumania, Slovakia, Hungary, Bohemia and Moravia.

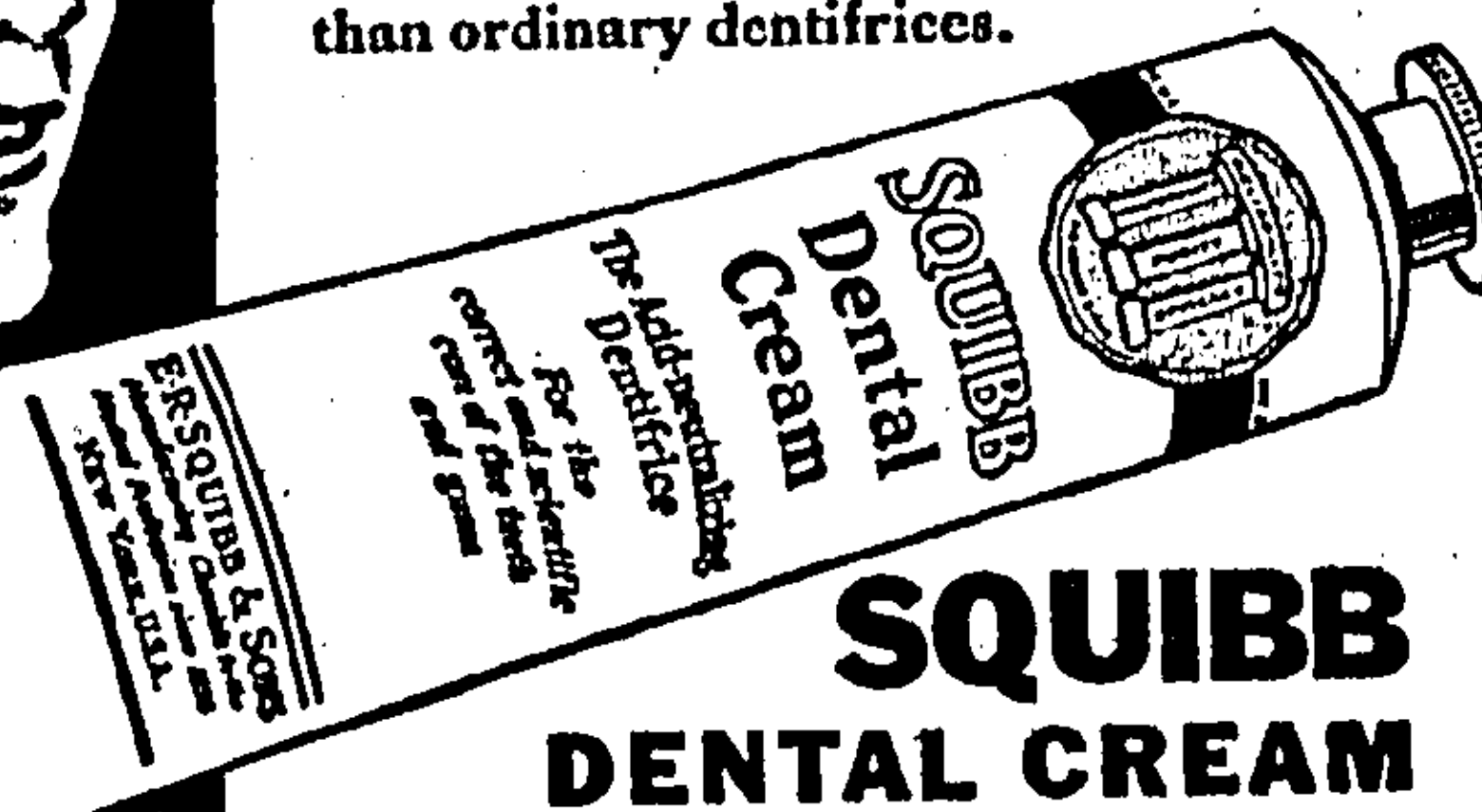
Italian commerce would receive special treatment in Jibuti and free passage through the Suez Canal. Italians in Tunisia—a French possession—would enjoy a new status.

It is a grave decision which Mussolini has ably made. He has to choose between repudiating a passive speculation of the progress of Germany to the detriment of Italian interests, and a closer association with her, at the risk of becoming involved in war with the Allies.



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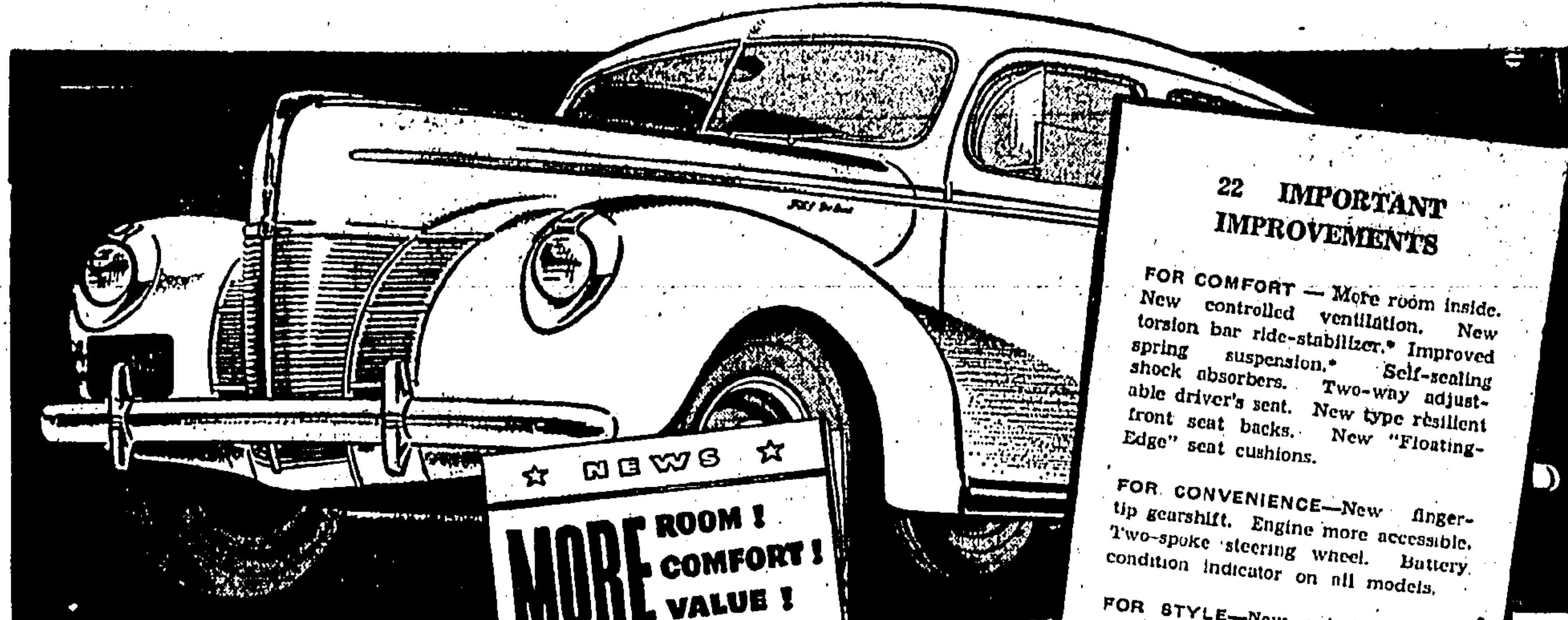
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Speculation On Sir John's War Budget

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(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.

WITH BUDGET DAY coming nearer—the Budget will be introduced in the House of Commons by Sir John Simon on April 23—the tendency towards speculation on new impositions is increasing.

THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF IN SOME QUARTERS THAT THE STANDARD RATE OF INCOME TAX WILL BE INCREASED TO 10 SHILLINGS IN THE POUND, ALTHOUGH SOME M.P.s ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS YEAR NO INCREASE WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

Twopenny postage is, however, understood to be under consideration. The increase from 1d. to 1½d. was made in Mr. Bonar Law's second Budget of 1918. He estimated revenue of £4,000,000 in a full year. In 1920, when the 2d. post was introduced by Sir Austen Chamberlain, this and other postal increases were estimated to produce £6,500,000.

The present revenue from postage stamps is £45,000,000 and it is believed that this could easily be raised to £55,000,000.

It is regarded as certain that further indirect taxation will be imposed, on wines, spirits, and tobacco, for instance, as well as upon other commodities with the double purpose of obtaining higher revenue and reducing consumption.

Sales Tax

Possibilities of a sales tax, to be general over every class of retail transaction, have been canvassed, with a suggestion that such a tax might rise to as high as five per cent. It is estimated that if the standard rate of income tax is raised to 10 shillings, the additional yield would be in the neighbourhood of £200,000,000. The burden would fall chiefly, as semi-officially it has been hinted, if it is intended it should, upon the £5 to £20 a week class.—Our Own Correspondent.

MOTHERS THREATEN BERTRAND RUSSELL

New York, Yesterday.

Threats to "run him out of town" are made by New York mothers against Bertrand Russell (Lord Russell), British philosopher and author, who is well known for his advanced views on sex.

The threat is a protest against his appointment as Professor of Mathematics at the City of New York College. Police say that if Professor Russell takes up the appointment he will have to be guarded day and night from angry women.

One mother, Mrs. Jean Kay, has brought a suit before the Supreme Court asking the Court to review the appointment and submitting that Professor Russell's advocacy of free love might induce New York school-children to put it into practice. Mrs. Kay described his teaching as "repugnant to the accepted standard of good conduct and a danger to the health, morals and welfare of the college students."

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Forty thousand members of the American Legion also issued a statement condemning Professor Russell.

At his home in Los Angeles, Professor Russell was unperturbed. "It was distressing to meet in the metropolis of the world's greatest democracy an attempt to establish an inquisition over teachers and a rigorous censorship of students," he said. "As for free love, I am far from advocating promiscuity, either among students or elsewhere; but I do think that young people should be allowed to live together in unions which may develop into permanent marriage. It would diminish promiscuity."

BLACK-OUT HEADACHE

One of the worst effects of the black-out, bad ventilation, with its attendant ills, has been studied by Government experts, who have now succeeded in combining blackness outside with fresh air inside.

To bad ventilation may be attributed headaches and other minor ailments, while infections like influenza and septic throat tend to spread in a stuffy atmosphere.

Within the next few weeks expert advice will be published in two pamphlets, one for householders and another for factory owners. Hints on household ventilation are being prepared by the A.R.P. department of the Ministry of Home Security. Factory ventilation has been studied by the factory department of the Home Office.

The pamphlet for householders will show with sketches and diagrams how to bring fresh air into stuffy sitting-rooms and bedrooms without arousing the ire of the local warden.

LIGHT-TRAPS AND FANS
Among methods of light-proof ventilation which will be described are:
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Squadron Leader H. W. Woollett, D.S.O., London Area Controller of the Air Defence Cadet Corps, who served with great distinction in the Great War—he is credited with the destruction of 38 German planes—assisted in the judging of the models at the Skeybird League's 7th annual Model Rally in London. Photo shows Squadron Leader Woollett, (nearest camera) examining a model of a Messerschmidt. (Copyright, Fox).

MOSCOW MAKES NEW DEMANDS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Stockholm, Yesterday.

Information reaching here states that the Russo-Finnish trade and other negotiations have met with grave difficulties, as the Soviets have suddenly produced some post-war concessions which they demand.

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1. Absentment from any Nordic alliance.
2. Demilitarisation of the new frontier; troops to be withdrawn and no new Mannerheim Line to be built.
3. Immediate construction of the railway, the right of way over which Russia got in her peace treaty.
4. The end of the press campaign against Russia.

According to news from Moscow, deputies of the Soviet Parliament look to task certain Commissioners for inefficiency in their departments, for waste during the war and for the poor quality of their materials—in some cases, as much as 50 per cent. was useless.—Havas.

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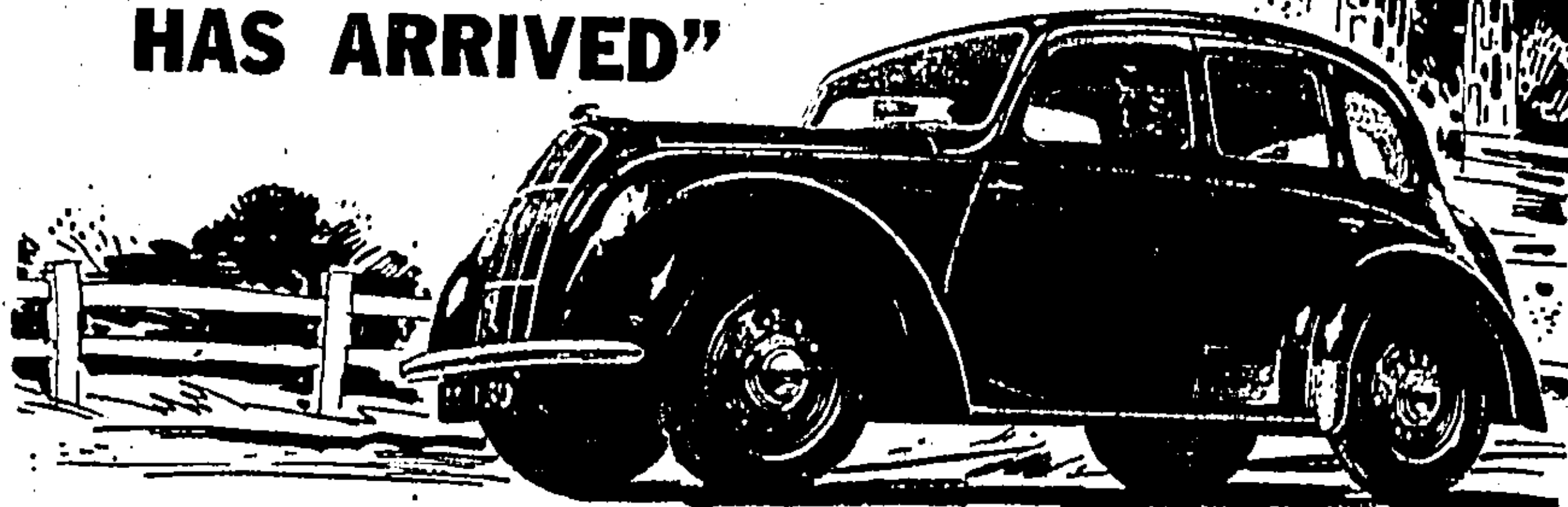
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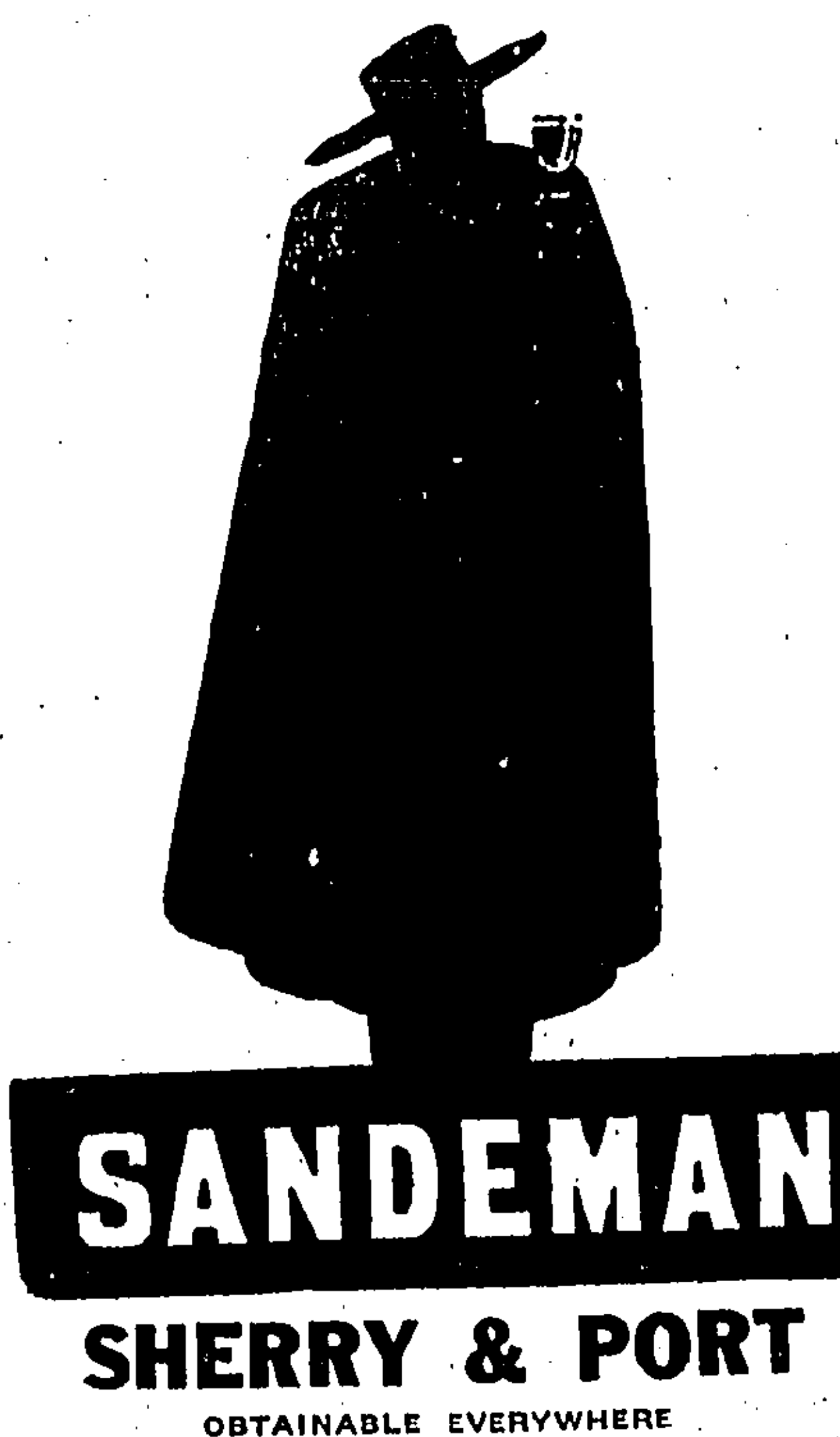
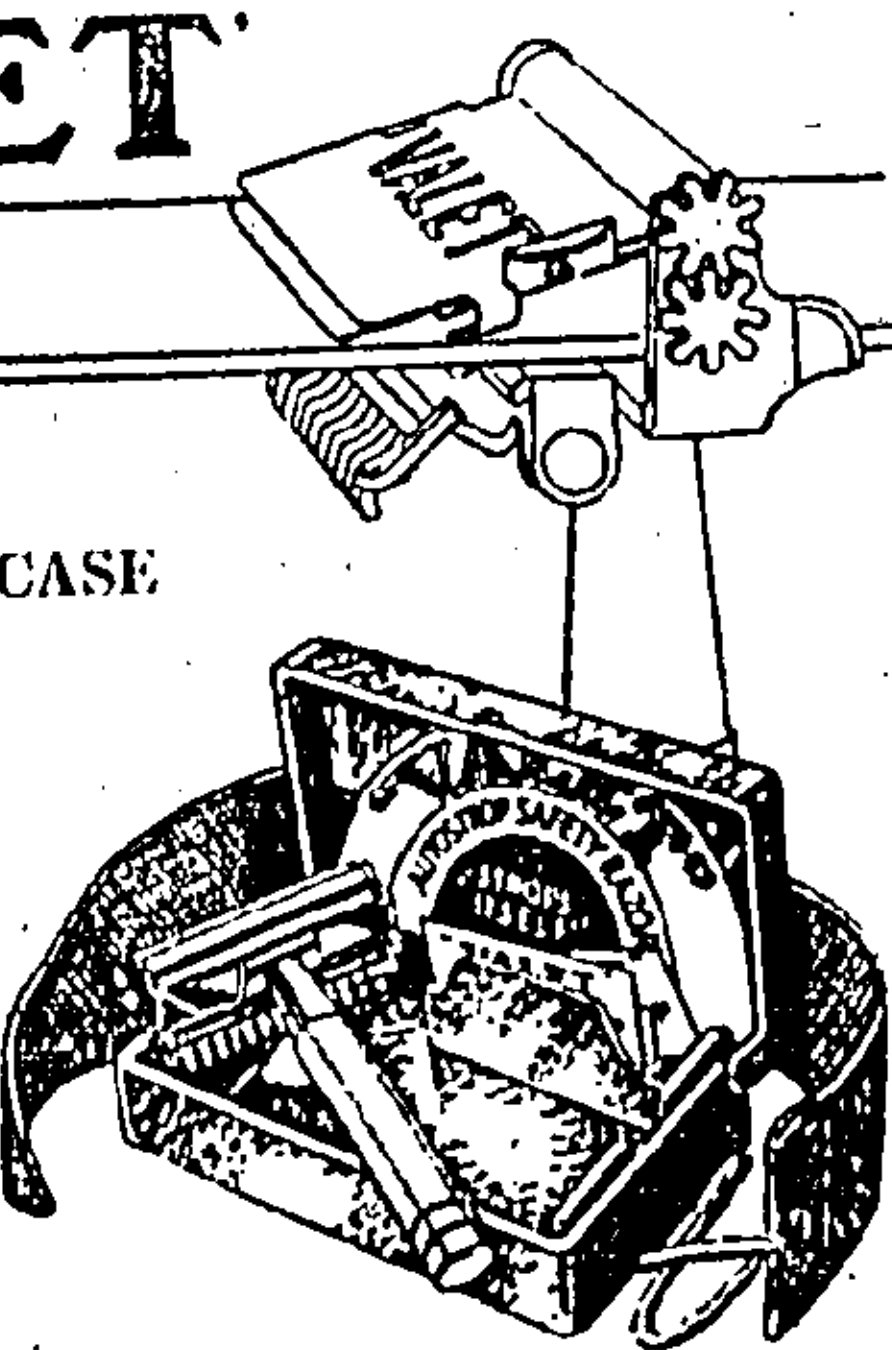
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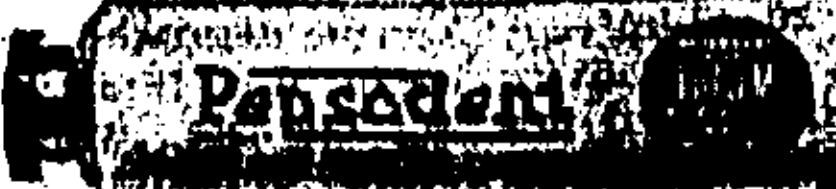


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"That Stalin Will Repent And Return To The Democratic Camp, Seems Very Unlikely" How Russia Will Decide

THE truth must be faced. The cruel and dangerous peace that has just been imposed upon Finland is a defeat for the Allied cause.

But a strongly tempered people does not cry over the past. It must emerge from failure with its resolution and energy increased tenfold, it must have the courage to learn its lesson and to profit by it. In this connection I should like to emphasise a point which seems to me essential:

At a meeting of the Allied Supreme Council on February 5th, England and France decided not to confine their assistance to Finland merely to the dispatch of war material, but to place an Expeditionary Force at the disposal of that heroic country. The necessary orders were issued and carried out, but, politically and legally, the actual departure of the Anglo-French Expeditionary Force depended upon an official demand being received from Finland, while practically it depended upon port and

transit facilities being granted by mooracles? It is very doubtful. Stalin has not the slightest desire to involve the U.S.S.R. publicly and officially in a general war.

The reasons why its departure was postponed and finally held up are numerous and complicated but include without any doubt whatever the ambiguous character of the relations between the Franco-British Allies and Soviet Russia.

War With Russia?

Some explanation may be necessary. The intervention of British and French divisions acting as distinct military units might—I repeat, might—have entailed the creation of a direct state of belligerence between England and France on the one hand and Soviet Russia on the other. In France, this consummation was, and still is, regarded as desirable by certain political groups, but is looked upon as undesirable or even dangerous by others. Some were all the more in favour of open and definite participation in the expedition as they envisaged greater possibilities of bringing about an open break with the U.S.S.R. Others, wishing to avoid such a rupture, were reticent and apprehensive on the subject. I would not venture to say that the latter was the opinion that prevailed in Great Britain, but in any case it was this opinion which contributed to the delay and probably did most to prevent the ultimate decision.

This circumstance has been pointed out by the enemy propaganda and largely exploited in Scandinavian official circles and the public to cast discredit on the incertitude and the consistency of the Allied offers. I have Swedish friends who now ask: "What are your promises worth? If your assistance is to be effective you must act without reservation. This you cannot do, for both England and France—England even more than France—are still determined not to engage in a conflict with the U.S.S.R."

Finnish Tragedy

The fate of Finland, unfortunately, is now an accomplished fact. But the question raised by the issue of the Finnish tragedy may be raised again to-morrow in other fields and in other parts of Europe. It must, therefore, be faced and solved without any mental reservations whatever. My own conclusion is quite definite.

It is not for the Allies to declare war upon the Soviets—it is not for them to take the initiative in a war with anyone. They did not do so in Hitler's case—it is not for them to do so in Stalin's. But the Soviets must not be allowed to affect the discussions and the actions of the Allies. The event in itself should be taken as it comes and neither sought after nor avoided. "Do thy duty," is the old adage. Let the Allies do their duty, whatever it is and in all circumstances. Let them march straight forward on the appointed road, regardless of such incidents as may be sought by some and feared by others. If it is possible to avoid war with the Soviets, so much the better, if not—war let it be.

The Allies were in no wise obliged to intervene militarily in Finland, or declare war upon the Soviets. They would have acted under a decision of the League of Nations—neither more nor less.

Would Stalin have made a pretext of such intervention to proclaim the existence of a state of war between the U.S.S.R. and the Western De-

Allied Interest

I believe that a pact concluded between the Scandinavian States, while it was yet time, would have prevented an armed aggression against Finland. I quite agree that this prophecy might not have been corroborated by the facts and that an official participation of the U.S.S.R. in the war, following Allied intervention in Finland, was a possibility that could not be eliminated with any measure of certainty. However this may be, it was in the Allies' interests to save Finland. They had decided to come to her assistance, as Mr. Chamberlain stated, with all their resources. This decision once taken, they should have carried it out, regardless of possible consequences or repercussions. The cruel destiny of Finland will be a

By M. BLUM
Former Prime
Minister Of France

lesson to them should similar circumstances arise in the future.

It may be objected: "Then you wish Stalin to go over to Germany and to place at her disposal the enormous military power and potential of Russia? Is not one enemy enough? Do you propose that the Allies should light heartedly challenge a second?"

My reply is that I have not the slightest desire that Stalin should be deliberately provoked, but that actions that may be regarded as useful or necessary for victory should not be influenced by the fear of an open break with Stalin.

I do not propose to examine the extremely controversial point of whether, strategically and economically, an Allied victory would be easier or more difficult, advanced or delayed, by the intervention of Soviet Russia on the side of the Third Reich. What I wish to state is that such intervention, whatever its consequences, can in no wise depend upon the policy pursued by the Allies.

Stalin's Interests

The granting or refusal of the official and total support of Soviet Russia for the German Reich will not be conditioned by the legal nature of Stalin's relations with England and France. Stalin will only consult his own interests. He will cast his whole weight into the balance on Hitler's side if he thinks that it will be to his advantage, despite the fact that the Allies may have taken all conceivable measures to avoid a state of war with the U.S.S.R. He will limit and restrict his assistance, on the other hand, if he thinks that he is likely to gain something by it, even though the Allies may have maintained an extremely firm and possibly indifferent attitude with regard to Russia.

Again, it may be said: "Stalin surprised the whole world six months ago. He may surprise it once more. He may leave Hitler in the lurch, just as he has once supported him, such a change of face would mean the immediate end of the war and the overthrow of Hitler. This chance must not be eliminated at the outset."

Too Late?

To my mind, Stalin's alliance with Hitler has become constantly closer during the past six months. That he may repent and return to the democratic camp, while possible in theory, seems to me very unlikely in practice and the Western Democracies would therefore make a serious mistake if they were to sacrifice their present duties and concrete interests to a prospect which is in the nature of a mirage. But here again it is useless to imagine that Stalin's decision would be influenced in any way by the Allied policy and precautions.

If ever Stalin were to gain the conviction that another change of face would correspond to his interest he would carry it out without the slightest scruple, and not even his possible resentment at an Allied intervention in Finland or elsewhere would prevent him from doing so. On the day on which Stalin saw that he might gain something by betraying his whole past policy and go-

ing over to Hitler he did so without hesitating, and he went so far as to forget that some months before Russian and German armies had been fighting each other in Spain.

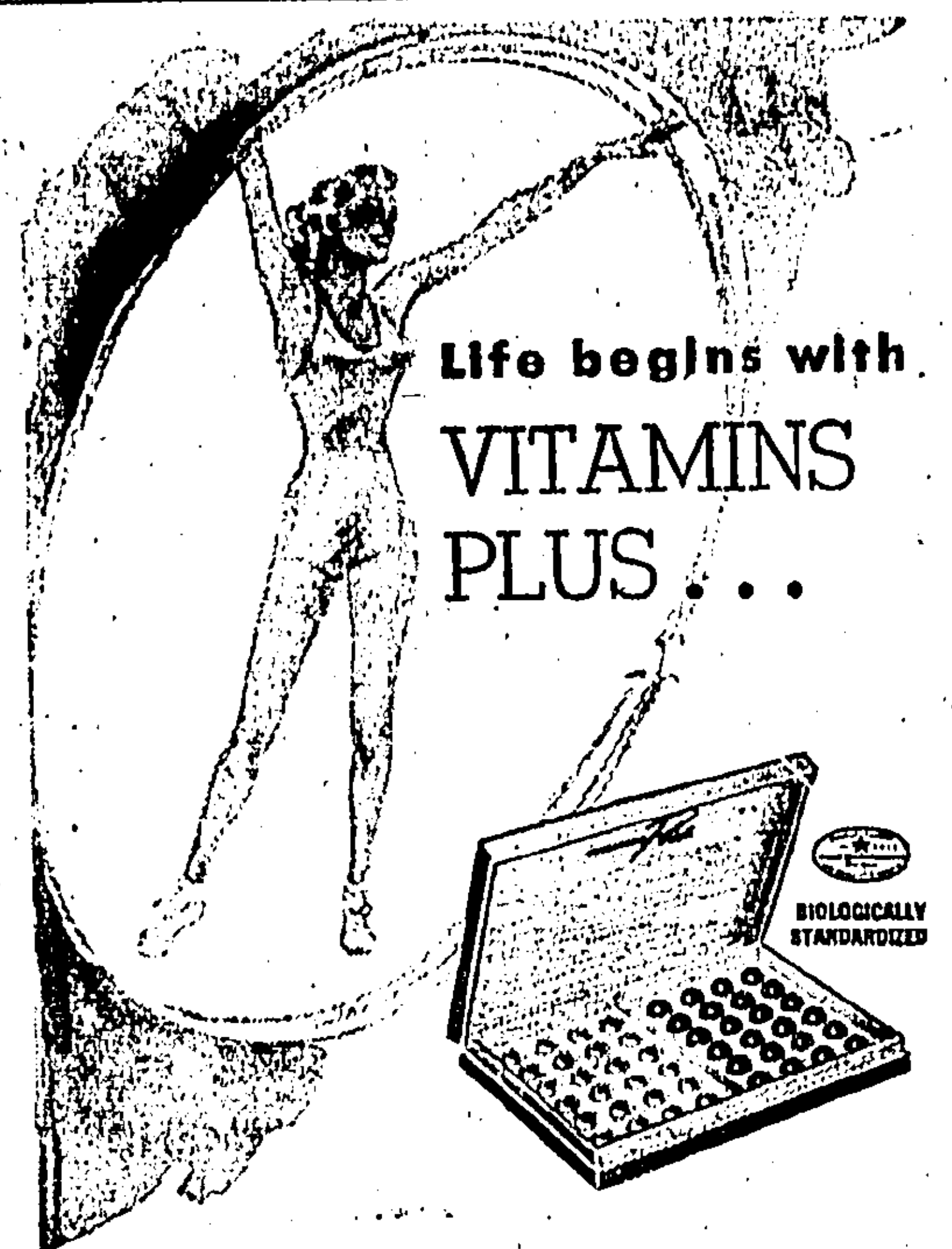
It is useless to anticipate the future. Useless to ask whether by prolonging and reinforcing relations between Stalin and Hitler the Allies do not risk either the Bolshevisation of Germany or, on the contrary, the sudden disintegration of the Stalinian regime by Germany. No one can possibly predict the final effects of the war on the terror dictatorships of Germany and Russia. For my part, I do not believe in the Bolshevisation of Germany, for the contagious character of a germ depends upon its virulence, and Stalin's communism appears to have lost, even in Russia, its main power of infection.

Gigantic Task

Nor do I believe that the disintegration of the Stalinian system must inevitably have the consequences feared by certain statesmen, that is to say, the German domination of Russian economic resources and a counter-revolutionary terror. But my predictions and personal ideas are just as liable to be proved wrong as those put forward by others. All that can be stated is that these domestic crises will come and that their emergence is bound up with the war or rather with the issue of the war; that it is impossible to-day to destroy the source from which they must inevitably arise. Sufficient unto each day is the evil thereof. Before the Allies lies their gigantic task. Let them accomplish their duty, clear and circumscribed as it lies before them, and not allow themselves to be deterred by academic discussion.

An apology is due. I have passed these issues in review calmly and coldly in a formal progression. I have tried in so doing to forget that the snowed plains of a mutilated Finland are still stained with freshly spilt blood. I have reasoned dispassionately in the hope that this method may lend force to my argument.

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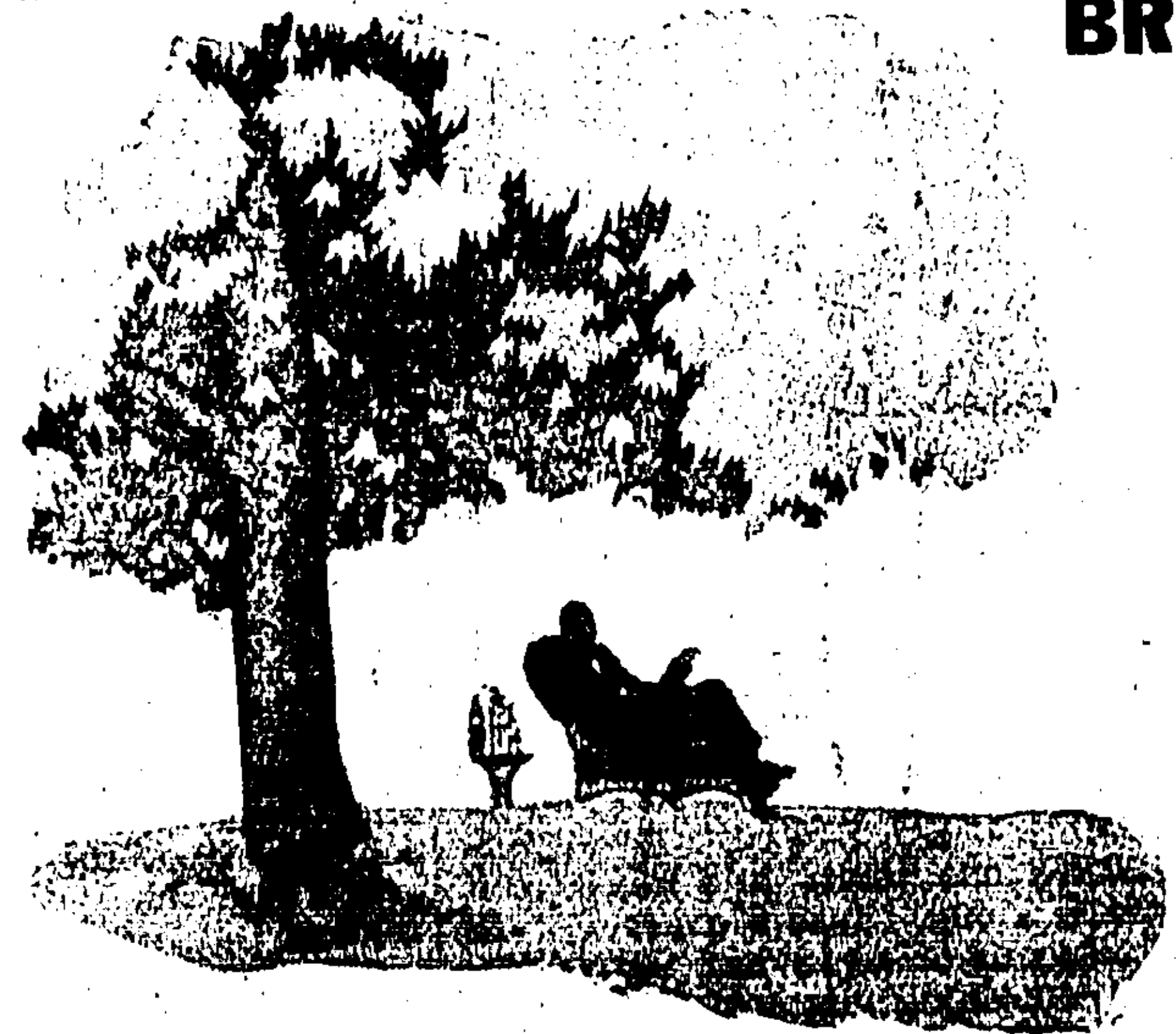
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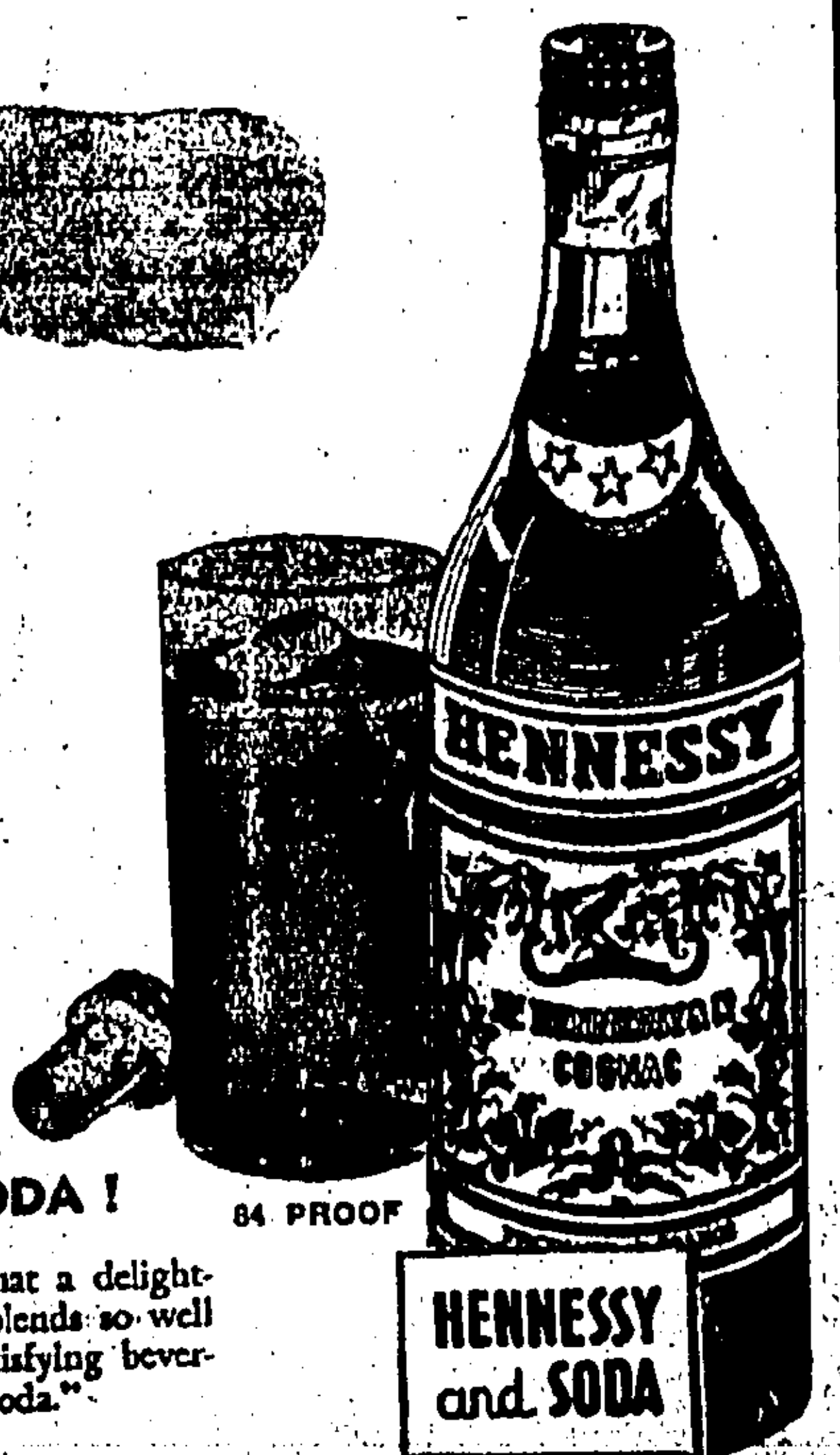


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SOCIAL WELFARE

NO very profound knowledge of the Colony's social and economic disorders, and their accompaniment of widespread and acute poverty and distress, is required for realisation that, in structure and spirit, the Governor's proposal for creation of a Standing Social Welfare Commission offers inspiring possibilities.

In circumstances such as those of the moment, when war financing rather dominates the picture, the Government cannot afford to be ambitious, no matter how deeply it may have reform at heart. What it can do, however, and this would be the function of such a Committee as visualised by His Excellency, is to plan broadly and generously for the future. It would be unwise, perhaps, to conjure up too entrancing visions. None the less, it is not indulging in too high hopes to suggest that, if the task is entrusted to the right men, the prospect emerges, for the first time, of radical changes in the system of pecking and palliation by voluntary endeavour, and its better adaptation to the urgent needs of the fundamental problems.

His Excellency outlined his plan briefly at the annual meeting of the Social Service Centre of the Churches, and none are better aware of the inadequacies of local charitable bodies against the mass of distress than those of this organisation who are doing such magnificent work relieving individual extremes. Again and again, too, they discover how much there is of overlapping, and how many are the gaps. The essential idea of the Commission proposal is to give direction where it is needed, that it should be Government's consultant in social welfare matters and draw up long-term programmes of social reform. It would be charged with continuous survey of the Colony's needs and "supply continuity and sustenance of effort in the solution of poverty conditions."

It is a conception which should appeal instantly to the heart and mind, for nothing is more obvious than that no effective attack can be made upon prevailing conditions except by co-related effort indicated by close preliminary study and energetically pursued. It loses nothing in inspiration, moreover, because of the source of its origination. It comes as one of many encouraging signs linking Colonial Government with progressive policies, of official recognition that the dimensions of social disorders take the problems beyond the scope of private effort.

Into the further implications it is perhaps early to go. It is sufficient for the moment to draw keen satisfaction from the earnest that Government means business, and that it has been quick to discover a method promising intelligence of approach.

TAXATION INCIDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENT that taxes due under the War Revenue Bill in 1940-41 will be assessed upon profits and salaries of 1939-40 ends confusion, while carrying, in some cases, it may be suspected, the germs of some discomfiture. Accountancy in a free world can differ from accountancy for tax purposes, without opening up charges of evasion. Those directorates who, in recent times, have "erred" on the conservative side, might qualify for a bonus after the tax-collector has been round.

THIS WEEK

Mr. Chamberlain's Cabinet reshuffle, with a rightful claim to inclusion among the big events of the 31st week of war, missed vital significance by a wide margin. The opportunity afforded the Prime Minister by the death of his Minister of Shipping of a thorough overhaul of administrative and executive machinery, to give swifter and more trenchant direction to the war effort, went unregarded, and the changes aroused no great enthusiasm. Good so far as they went, they did not go nearly far enough. The Inner Cabinet which presumably Mr. Chamberlain still postulates as the War Cabinet is reduced from nine to eight, but it bears no resemblance to Mr. Lloyd George's famous war directorate of five, which is held up as the ideal for the Premier to aim at. Vital difference is that the members of Mr. Chamberlain's Committee are still saddled with departmental duties. Mr. Lloyd George insisted upon freedom for himself and his chief aides from routine pre-occupations.

Mr. Churchill's New Post

Mr. Churchill's new appointment was alone in fitting the mood of public opinion. While retaining his Admiralty post, the First Lord assumes also the chairmanship of the Committee of Service Chiefs. Officially, no clear picture of his new duties are given, but the inferences are there. Nazi fulminations alone indicate how distinctly the move is an advance in the right direction. Co-ordinator Lord Chatfield having resigned, Mr. Churchill is taking over his responsibilities, and adding to them. If, as is suggested, his official title might be defined as 'Director-General of the operational management of the war, the gain is great indeed.

Delegation Of Heavy Burden?

Mr. Chamberlain may, indeed, yet have an answer to his critics after all. The circumstances under which Mr. Churchill assumed his new post, and the principal features about it, hint that the Prime Minister may be delegating to Mr. Churchill the weight which Mr. Lloyd George took upon his own shoulders in the last two years of the 1914-18 war, and is himself concentrating upon keeping his team as a whole up to scratch.

Routine Promotions

Other Cabinet changes include Sir Samuel Hoare's return to the Air Ministry and the appointment as

Lord Privy Seal of Sir Kingsley Wood, who will have opportunity for a well-earned rest. Lord Woolton comes into the Ministry as the fourth business man to take over an important administrative post, that of Minister of Food. The re-shuffle among the junior posts enables deserved promotions and it may well be claimed that Mr. Chamberlain's team has been strengthened. But it could have gone farther and deeper.

Mood Of High Optimism

The mood of Mr. Chamberlain's speech at the Conservative Party rally gave no indication that he is anything but well satisfied with the war situation, domestically or externally. Not for a long time, has an official spokesman committed himself to such high optimism. He spoke as though a strain felt over the last seven months had been suddenly relieved, and backed up his argument that Hitler has missed the bus with some impressive facts and figures. Clue may conceivably be seen in the subsequent interview given to the Press by General Sir Edmund Ironside, who confessed that the corner has only just been turned, and the Army for the first time has banished anxiety-complex.

"Blitzkrieg" Attempt Coming

The announcement coincided with indications of the entry of operations on the Western Front upon a new phase. Artillery has come into action more frequently and with more venom, raids have been more purposeful and pressed more vigorously. In the air, the battle for supremacy in the close proximity of the lines has been joined. In Nazi Germany, emergency hospital accommodation has been vastly increased.

Intensification Of Blockade

The neutrals gained few clues to the Allied programme for intensification of the blockade in Mr. Chamberlain's Commons speech. Impression given was that the effect would be somewhat less than the worst they could expect, if that is not Irish. Chief preparation for equals to come was provided by the neutrals themselves. "The Allies," said the "New York Times," in a leading article, "may act in high-handed fashion and neutral governments may send

angry protests to London, but wherever there is a spark of freedom the public of neutral countries still want the Allies to win." The Allied contention being that the steps proposed are needed to shorten the war, and the most urgent feeling of neutrals being in favour of an early cessation of hostilities, disharmony promises to be more superficial than real.

Russia's Approach

Meantime, Germany, which could have derived small satisfaction from the Molotov speech, will have learned of M. Molotov's approach to Lord Halifax with added displeasure. The Soviet's instinct, at the moment, on the surface of things, is to banish hard feelings aroused by the invasion of Finland. Molotov's speech was noteworthy on its insistence on the Russian desire for neutrality in the main theatre of conflict. The offer of resumption of trade negotiations seems naive if it is intended as nothing but a ruse.

Two Problems For Allies

All recent developments ensured that Allied relations with the Soviet would engage the closest attention of the Supreme War Council. It is highly significant, therefore, that no decision, one way or the other, was reached on the response to be made to the Soviet offer. Boiled down, the Allied problem would seem to involve (a) the correct estimate of Russia's bona fides in the light of the rude shocks of the last few months and (b) agreement on whether the paramount aim, upsetting Mr. Adolf Hitler, is most likely to be achieved by blockading Russia, or entering into negotiations.

The Craige Speech

Sir Robert Craige's speech was shorn of its nuisance value in Parliament. It was perhaps too much to expect Lord Halifax to go to the lengths of repudiation. The explanation has been accepted in Washington as an example of British "diplomacy." It is clear (finally, it may be hoped) that Britain has no intention of recognising Mr. Wang Ching-wei or any other puppet. Nevertheless, the "Manchester Guardian's" stand is difficult of challenge; that where principles are in issue, it is most unfortunate that Britain should be required to explain herself.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: WHERE ARE OUR VALUES? By H. M. Tomlinson

SOME years ago, I was voyaging up a tropical river which had its dangers. Not all these dangers could be seen at once, some could not be seen at all. So it was not easy to avoid the lot. We had been cautioned, and most of our ship's company made a special effort to be prudent. It happened that one young man aboard, against advice, had had what he called in triumph a good time in Antwerp.

He was a pretty fellow, had a big body and was proud of it. When on the river, our doctor counselled us never to sleep outside our mosquito bars. But this stout comrade feared nothing.

He slept on deck; it was cooler there. We had been on the river less than a week when one morning I saw him approach the surgeon humbly, for aid. His face was frightened, as well as frightened. His body was corrupt. It was then his sympathetic mates began to whisper that he proved the mysterious peril in our journey.

Of course, he proved nothing of the sort. He had only proved he was a vain and unteachable fool. But sympathetic people usually talk like that. It is easier and more popular to pity than to point out brutally that ignorance and pride are not always let off. It takes more time than we can spare, and stricter attention than is the common habit, to see that disaster may develop as naturally from a righteous conviction as apples from an April morning of sun and bees.

For that reason, we use a set of aloof phrases, such as: an inevitable war; a bolt from the blue; the inscrutability of fate; the lot of mankind. As to those bolts from the blue, we all know Jove throws them. They're not our fault. And just look at Europe now, if you want proof of the cruelty of destiny! Who would have thought we should come to this?

Many people did, 20 years ago. They gave us the sort of cool advice when we were victorious and felt triumphant, which a surgeon gave my ship's company when a dangerous passage required stricter attention and more intelligent direction. But triumph goes to the head, and then we are more likely to listen to a Northcliffe than a Lincoln.

But, having made a choice, we must put up with its consequences. The dynamics of society are so governed that they go on working even when, at last, we see we made a wrong choice. Hitler has murdered the innocents; but who made the European conditions which were the fruitful compost for such an anarchist? Unless we can find the heart to answer that truthfully, then we can abandon all our beautiful schemes for the future.

Since the end of the last war we have been living in a world of lies. Our standards of values were abandoned in that war, and were not restored at the peace. Now we haven't any worth mentioning. Still a simple code will have to be found somewhere, if the Europe which is left when this war is over is to have the power of growth, and is not left as last time, with nothing but the stench of Golgotha.

But how it insults our pride and honour to say we ever had a part in conjuring up general misfortune! That courage it calls for, to own it that we had some share after Casse Vira last time, in bringing to pass the present black-out of Europe! No matter. Truth is obstinate—more obstinate than we are. We may try, but there is no escape from it.

There is nothing in the institutions of men we admire or loathe, that is not a projection of old desires and thoughts. There stand the things for which men asked, most likely without knowing they would take that form. The curious thing is we do really know that our society is shaped by popular thought; we are aware, when quiet and dispassionate, that, as we are, so is our world, and that we can change it with a change in opinion. We do know that or else, might not the Church shut its doors as a futile institution?

You may be too young to remember the discussions over what Europe ought to be like which went on during the last war, and during the years immediately following the armistice. You are lucky, if you are. More horrifying to an older than the war itself is the resemblance he finds between the noble talk now and his remembrance of the passionate voice of outraged virtue long ago. What

we are having it all over again?

Yes. In every way. Take us a single illustration this apparently innocuous example of the thing which will pass, even among Christians, as Christian piety. You remember Rupert Brooke's lines?

"Now, God be thanked who has matched us with His hour,
And caught our youth, and waken'd us from sleeping."
Well, in a place where Churchmen meet in central London, there has been placed a delicately designed memorial tablet. Its subject is Dedication. It is a bas relief, and shows a young woman and a young man kneeling before an altar.

The young man pours a flood from a vase before the altar. The girl lays down roses and lilies, showing that she surrenders the beauty of life. He, of course, is pouring out his own blood. They can never join, those two. They have renounced life. They are sacrificial victims.

In the upper corners of this work of Christian art are babies' faces, to show just what the renunciation of these two young people means. "Those who would have been their sons, they gave, their immortality." You see? Life comes to an end; our improvement on genesis is death and nothingness. The design has other symbols, such as stars, which, to the eyes of Satan, in a poem of Meredith's, "marched, rank on rank, the army of unalterable law."

I ask, by what unalterable law of Jesus or Moloch, by what standard of values whatsoever, must a young man pour out his blood before an altar, and a girl renounce motherhood, for the sins of their fathers?

For down to that it comes, if we would have the truth. Those young people may have to do it, as things are. They may have no other choice. We are bound I say that when their fathers see that fate for their children, not in humility and shame, knowing whence it came, but can lose the sense of personal responsibility for it in an impersonal, hideous abstraction, then we are still living in an atmosphere of lies; we have not yet recovered a simple code by which evil is seen not to be good.

HOUR OF DANGER PAST

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Paris, Yesterday.

Great Britain's hour of danger is past; she is out of the wood and her fighting machine is ready for any emergency and can face the future with supreme confidence, correspondents quote General Sir Edmund Ironside as saying.

Had the Germans attacked at the beginning, the position by now would have been far different.

"But it's too late now," he said. "We are ready for anything they might start, and, as a matter of fact, we would welcome it."

The neutrals, too, had had seven months to get ready for any attempts in their direction.—Havas.

"Is That So?" Say Nazis

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Berlin, Yesterday.

"Total war" might begin within half a year, according to a hint in Berlin.

Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech and his statement that "Hitler missed the 'bus,'" responsible German quarters say:—

"Let's talk about that six months from now!"—Havas.

YUGOSLAVIA SAYS "NO"

Belgrade, Yesterday.

It is reported that Germany asked the Yugoslavian Government to guarantee to guard German ships against seizure by the Allies while they were navigating in Yugoslavian water. The request was refused.

The German freighter Ankara is still in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia's main port. The Ankara postponed its sailing for Trieste with a cargo of bauxite, when rumours became current that Allied warships were waiting to intercept it.—Reuter.

"We Must Be Ruthless With Our Enemies, With Ourselves And With The Neutrals" Strength Of Democracy



With The Fighter Command, R.A.F. Pilots "stand by" in the rest huts, one with a canine companion, others playing chess or reading, to pass the time away. (Air Mail).

EVERYTHING THROWN INTO THE STRUGGLE

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

"WE MUST BE RUTHLESS AGAINST OUR ENEMIES, RUTHLESS WITH OURSELVES AND, IF NEED BE, WITH THOSE WHO STAND BY HOPING THAT ENGLAND AND FRANCE WILL SAVE THEIR FREEDOM FOR THEM."

Thus, Lord de la Warr, in a speech at the Sorbonne in Paris last night which dealt primarily with the possibilities of increasing and cementing mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of France and Britain.

BRITISH PURCHASES IN RUMANIA

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

A RUMANIAN FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC DELEGATION IS AT PRESENT NEGOTIATING WITH THE TREASURY FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AN ANGLO-RUMANIAN AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN JULY, 1939.

London is now ready to extend financial assistance to Bucharest through intensifying purchases of Rumanian goods.

By this means Britain will also try to deprive Germany from one main source of her supplies.—Havas.

Efficiency Of The Allied Blockade

London, Yesterday.

THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS have definite proof of the effectiveness of the blockade, M. Monnet, French Minister of Blockade, stated yesterday afternoon, following a long conference with Mr. Cross.

The Allied Governments are very satisfied with the results achieved so far, he said, and have indisputable proof that the blockade is having a very serious effect on the German supply of petrol, rubber, textiles and other goods.

It has also caused unemployment in the heavy industries, because they cannot get enough raw materials. It will not be long, he said, before the Allies get results from the new measures decided on.

With regard to neutrals, M. Monnet said that the Allied Governments have not the slightest intention of imposing further restrictions on non-belligerents, but mean to stop Germany from exercising pressure and the threat of force on her neutral neighbours to keep up her supplies.

The blockade is the best means of saving human bloodshed. It means the Allies can finish the war more quickly by weakening the enemy until the point is reached where they can strike a decisive blow.

The Allies will pursue the present policy relentlessly until the final victory.

WORKS TWO WAYS

The Allied blockade works two ways—by control of the sea and by purchasing power in neutral countries.

The Allied Governments had decided to buy goods in neutral states even if they did not want them for their own purposes if they thought them essential to the German war effort.—Reuter.

AIR BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

London, Yesterday.

Air blockade of Germany will be applied incessantly by the Allies, it was learned here to-day.

The Allied Governments intend to put an end to air connections of the Reich with the outside world as far as possible.

Consultations are going on every day between Britain and France regarding technical problems raised by this plan.

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

Well-informed circles add that both Governments are determined to put an end to air contraband, in the same way as naval and other kinds of contraband, that is, in full exercise of their belligerent rights.

Recent reports indicate that Germany is using her huge commercial air fleet with the aim of partially replacing sea transport.

Importance of German air relations with neutrals is seen in the fact that the customs department of one neutral country received taxes equivalent to £10,200 a day on goods coming from or going to Germany.—Havas.

NEUTRAL SACRIFICE

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

Brussels, Yesterday.

Colonel Requette, Belgian military expert, writing in a Belgian newspaper, affirms that the Belgian people know that the defeat of Britain and France would place the existence of Belgium in grave danger.

He warns his readers against in-

Lord de la Warr, who was until the Cabinet changes of last Wednesday President of the Board of Education, said:—

"In the schools one of our tasks is to teach history. To-day we have an opportunity of making it if we can secure the union of our peoples as well as of our governments."

To assist to bring this about, a permanent committee composed of representatives of the Board of Education and leading teachers, assisted by two distinguished Frenchmen from the Institute Français in London, had been appointed. Their work, which had already begun, would be to keep this question constantly under review.

SPECIAL LECTURES

At the same time arrangements were being made for an exchange of documentary films, a series of leaflets giving advice and instruction to teachers was being prepared, special lecturers will be sent round the country to schools, and exchange visits and short courses for teachers and students will be organised between the two countries even during the war.

Already, he said, over half a million children were learning the French language in schools.

"Greater understanding of the thought and habits of another great nation is an enrichment of life that properly belongs to education and I believe the more genuinely we pursue what is educationally sound the sooner in fact shall we attain our ultimate goal."

GREAT IDEALS

"What is that goal? It is to give a new foundation to security in Europe."

"European and world co-operation are great ideals. But what hope is there of bringing together the discordant elements of Europe unless we first bring closer to each other those who speak the same language—I mean the language of Democracy."

"I know very well how different we are. Let us never be afraid to recognise our differences. Let us clearly assert that we are British and you are French and that the more different we are the more we have to give one another—for instance, that our methods of improvisation and your more logical mental processes, both estimable in themselves, are even more estimable when brought into combination."

EVERYTHING THROWN IN

Referring to the course of the war, Lord de la Warr outlined the tremendous effort Britain is now making.

"We are throwing everything into the struggle—our country, our Empire, our men and women and money, and when together France and England have won the war together they must continue in order to maintain peace."

"I look forward, incidentally, to the hour of trial when you, as a historic military power, will feel able to pay the same tribute to the strength and efficiency of our Army as we, a great naval power, can today pay to the magnificent work of your Navy."

"In the past we have all put far too little emphasis on the strength of Democracy. We have seen it as being desirable, something good but not sufficiently as something strong. Nor indeed has it always been so."

UNITY BY CONVICTION
"Yet that surely is, or should be, its very essence that unity by conviction must be stronger after the lapse of the last 20 years."

"Lack of a lead, imagination and initiative have been too much in the saddle of Democracy. Wishful thinking and illusions have been allowed to take the place of ideals. The war has put an end to all this. The Democracies are now gathering their strength.—British Wireless.

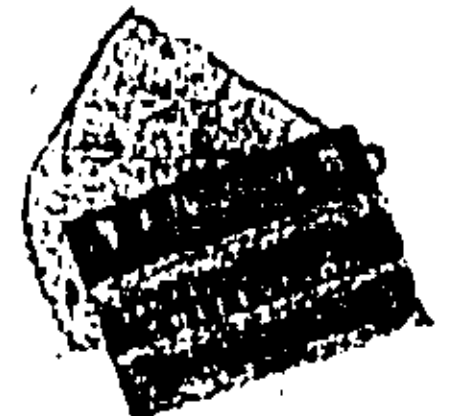
difference or again. The country must realise that the combating of the Nazis necessarily entails inconvenience and sacrifice among the neutrals.—Havas.

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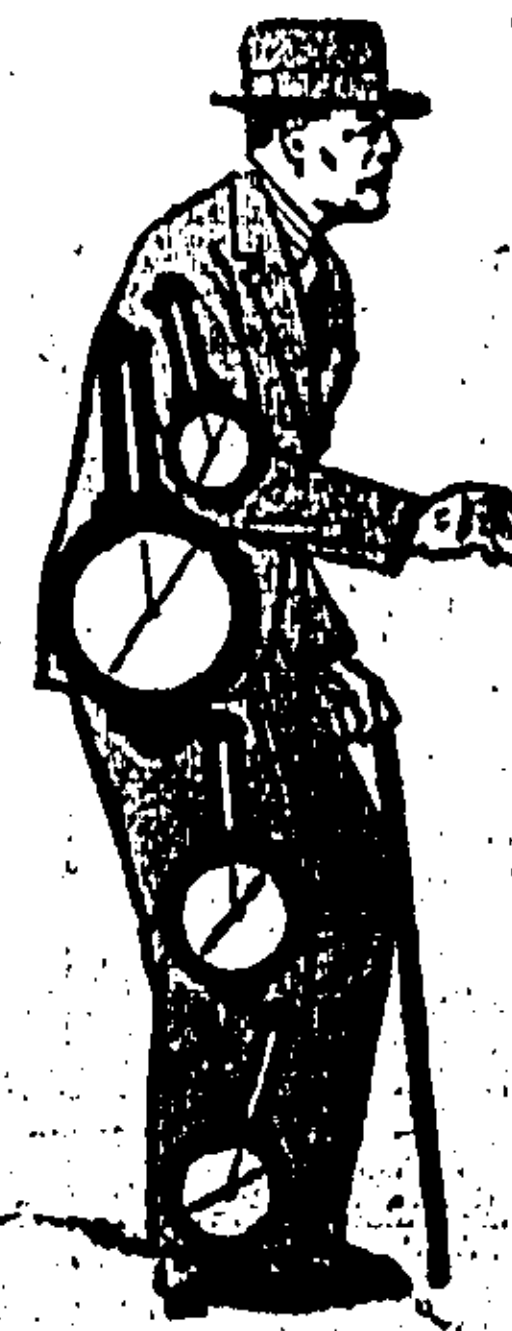
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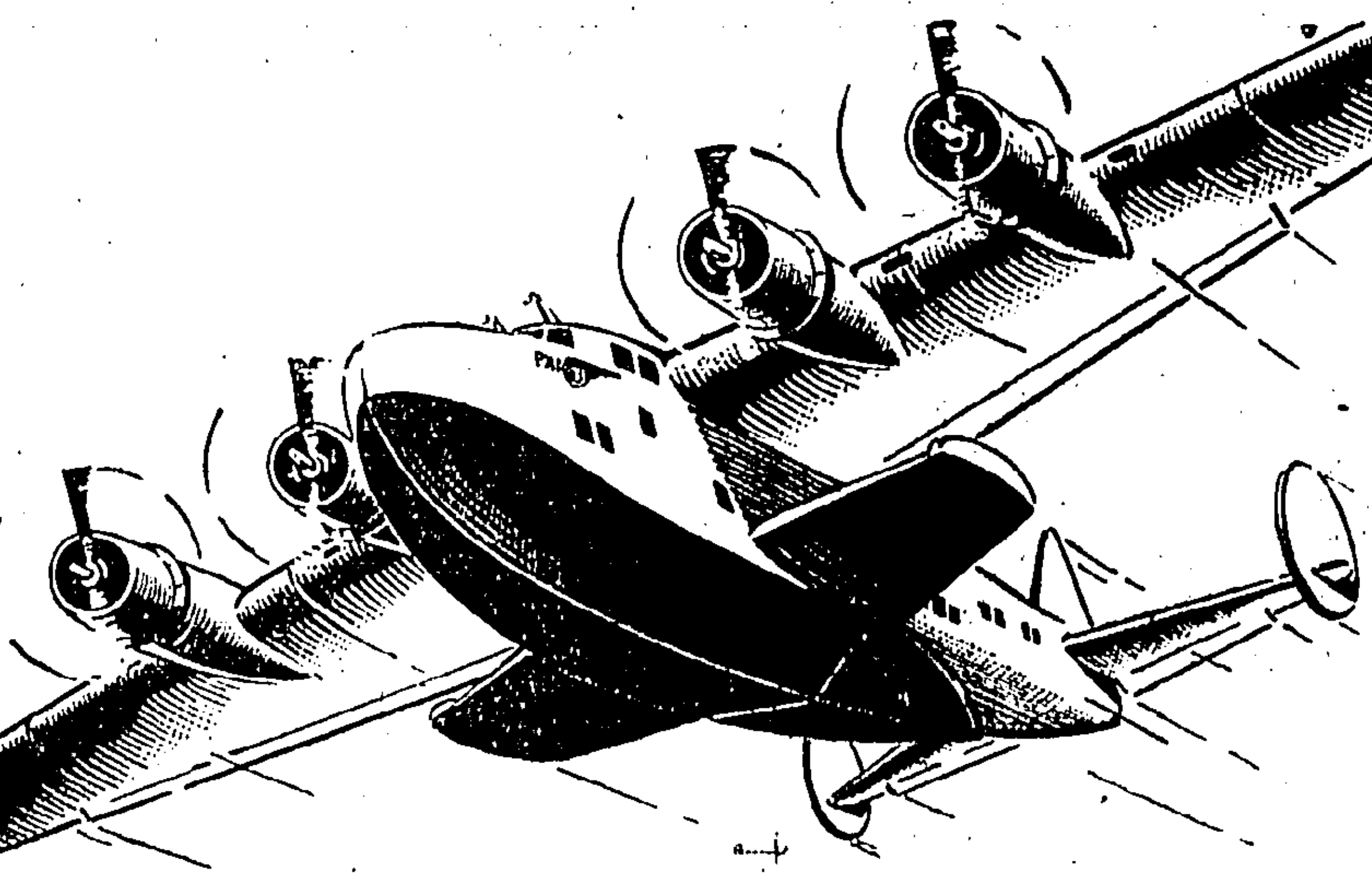
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This is the Yaffie Anglo-German News Service and International Pre-parator. Registered Slogan—"Every Time a Scoop."

Herr Goebbels (who is happiest among his flowers) is reported to be suffering from inflammation of the imagination. His doctor has ordered him a month's rest, during which he will confine himself to half-truths.

Our Cornish correspondent states that German airplanes flew over Scotland yesterday and dropped millions of leaflets, on which were printed an offer to rescue Scotland from English rule in the interests of self-determination.

This, he comments, was a characteristic piece of German tactlessness, as the Scots think they rule us, and many of the English regard themselves as an Oppressed Majority.

Coal Situation Improved. Our industrial correspondent, writing from Torquay, states that renewed activity was observed yesterday in one of the largest railway sidings on the South Wales coalfield when a mouse ran out of a coal truck.

Our Berlin correspondent, writing from Bodmin, learns that in preparation for the forthcoming conquest of Britain, Herr Hitler is drawing up a list of the chief British towns which will be given German names. Manchester, he says, is to be called Menschenachloss. Liverpool, Leberpfuhl, and Birmingham, Brum-muhheim. It is not yet decided whether London will retain its old name or be called Hitlerstadt.

Only For The Duration

By YAFFLE

Board, where you will hear an average-adjuster operating a sliding scale. This is the Yaffie Canteen Service. You have just heard the editor of the Chronicle and Pantheists Gazette in a talk on "The Influence of the New Moon on the Bank Rate."

The attention of the Department for the Elucidation of Moral and Intellectual Problems has been drawn to the Press report of a speech by Sir Warren Fisher, who said that:

This was a war of religion. Unless we were as convinced of the truth of the principles of the Sermon on the Mount as were the Germans of their own doctrine, we should fail. The Germans were the foulest and dirtiest of all fighters, and the only way to deal with them was temporarily to put aside our traditional methods and give them a dose of their own medicine.

Thousands of seekers after truth have written to my Department (says the Director, Mr. Yaffie) asking if this means that the only way to vindicate the principles of the Sermon on the Mount is to become fouler and dirtier than the enemy.

The answer is—Yes, but only for the duration. As soon as we have out-dirtied the Nazis and become the foulest fighters on record the principles in question will automatically become vindicated, and we shall be free to resume our petition to be made whiter than the snow—a request which, in wartime, is contrary to the national interest.

Let it not be said, added Mr. Yaffie, that Christian soldiers cannot fight fouler than those of inferior denominations.

It is further stated that pupils and ex-pupils of the well-known English public schools, such as Eton, Harrow, Rugby, Repton, Roedean, Birtal and the like, will be permitted to retain their Old School Ties on condition that small swastika is superimposed upon the design.

The object of this is to divide the allegiance of the British ruling class, and shows the Nazis to be possessed of more subtle intuition than they have been credited with.

For it will confront the British bourgeoisie with an inescapable choice between two conflicting loyalties—the British flag and the Old School Tie—which they have hitherto regarded as inseparable and mutually dependent.

Herr Hitler anticipates that the effort of making this choice will have a disintegrating effect upon the morale of the British upper middle class, and greatly facilitate the Nazification of our social order.

For while, on the one hand, they will find it intolerable to have to go through life bearing the symbol of conquest, on the other hand to have to relinquish their only visible claim to moral and social superiority over their fellows may well render life no

longer worth living.

Mrs. Gripe will now sing "Ship-mates o' Mine." Here is Mrs. Gripe.

This is the Yaffie Home Service. You have just heard Mrs. Gripe reciting "The Arm's Farewell to his Bicycle."

To-night, as you do not seem to have enough intelligence to entertain yourself, you are going to listen to a talk by Professor Booby, Splurgious Professor of Economics at Cambridge, on "Current Economic Problems." Here is Professor Booby. Are you sure you want to read that paper, Professor? You wouldn't rather do a few limitations? Right. Here is Professor Booby.

I phwoop pha phorphophum—just one moment, the Professor has dropped his teeth owing to a technical hitch. Here you are, Professor, up-sidaisy. Go to it, boy. Here is Professor Booby.

I notice that a certain daily newspaper is continually complaining that the Government, in spite of its promises to keep down the cost of living, does little or nothing to stop prices from rising.

Now, no doubt, it sounds very easy to control prices, because you know

the Government can control wages and the traffic. But the fact is, it can't be done. The reason has been, perhaps, most clearly and succinctly stated by the "News Chronicle":

"In attempting to resist the rise in commodity prices, the Government is doing something which is unnatural. And when you fly contrary to Nature, in the economic, as in other fields of activity, you invite trouble, for Nature has a habit of revenging itself in unexpected ways."

That, I think, puts the matter in a nutshell, though as the article wasn't signed, I don't know which great economist's nut it was. You see what it means. If the Government did control prices we should all become unnatural. We might wake up the next morning with the face of an elephant and the hind legs of a giraffe.

Is it worth the risk? No. Let us remain natural at all cost of living. Let us keep on the right side of Nature. We don't know what form her revenge might take. Already we have had a warning.

Some time ago the Government fixed the price of beef and butter. And what happened? Last week in Somerset a calf was born with six legs.

Thank you, Professor. We are now taking you over to the Central Wages

After The Moscow Treaty

SOVIET Russia's Red army may not rival the German or French military machines, but it is a much better army than foreign experts have ever suspected. Military observers here are generally agreed about this fact. Together with the diplomats, they recognize in it one of the most important lessons of the Russo-Finnish war, particularly in view of its possible influence upon the policies of the western combatants and upon political developments throughout Europe in the coming months.

This does not mean that the Kremlin's red-starred divisions are invincible, or that their various branches are well-balanced or exceptionally efficient. What it does mean is that the Red army has demonstrated its striking power—at least against a smaller opponent and also the fighting spirit of its best divisions and the excellent quality of much of its equipment. Moreover, in the course of this conflict, the Soviet Command has shown a considerable

capacity to learn by experience and to revise its tactics. There can be no question that the Russian forces which fought the last weeks of this war had improved notably over the divisions which first floundered across the Finnish frontiers.

As a matter of fact, one of the Red Army's final achievements still baffles many foreign military attaches in Finland. On the Karelian Isthmus, the Soviet troops managed to maintain a vigorous and often formidable offensive from February first to the end of the war and a large scale six weeks' offensive is a remarkable accomplishment in any war.

After the peak of the Soviet onslaught around Summa in mid-February, the foreign military experts did not believe that the Red army could maintain its attacks for another ten days or two weeks. They thought the Soviets simply could not continue to supply adequately their now enormous forces on the Isthmus bottleneck—forces which constituted at least twenty-four full divisions and from 400,000 to 450,000 men in the last weeks. How could the Russians transport sufficient munitions, shells and food supplies through this narrow artery to keep their vast machine rolling? For years, Russia's transportation system has been described as seriously disorganized and communications to the Isthmus were also severely limited. In addition, the Soviets had fourteen and finally eighteen divisions along the 750 mile eastern front, all dependent for supplies upon the single Murmansk railway line. Qualified foreign officers regarded such a midwinter supply problem as this almost insoluble. Yet on every front the Red divisions kept attacking without respite. To-day, these same experts are trying to figure out how the Soviets, under such serious handicaps, managed to supply an army which at the end totalled from forty-two to forty-five divisions and approximately 750,000 men.

This mystery may not be penetrated for a long time, but the impressiveness and importance of the Soviet accomplishments remains. For if the Red army could organize wholesale transportation on such a vast scale in the far northern snows in February, it should be able to do as well or better anywhere along its central or southern fronts. Thus the Kremlin's war machine presents a new kind of riddle for military circles in other lands.

The Soviet air force also improved greatly as a weapon of destruction during the last six weeks of the war. It is true that it had never had forces of any size against it, and it had a free hand in its bombing of Finnish towns and internal communications. If the Finns could ever have put four or five hundred genuine planes into the air, many have believed that the Red bombers would have immediately lost all enthusiasm and effectiveness. It must be admitted, however, that the Russian planes were very good and that their pilots gave proof of thorough training.

In Finland, neither the Soviet land or air forces ever had to fight on anything faintly resembling equal

terms. Therefore one cannot conclude that the Red army is top-notch or guess what it might do against an adversary of its own size. On the other hand, the kind of a menace it would be against a small country like Rumania can easily be imagined, even though its troops are far from uniform in their ability and though its artillery marksmanship is decidedly inferior.

The Russian equipment, particularly in long-range six-inch guns, airplanes and tanks of all sizes, has shown itself to be very good indeed. Given the Soviet Union's virtually inexhaustible manpower, Moscow appears to possess a military juggernaut which commands respect in many departments and could probably be destroyed by very large and first class forces equipped with the best of modern weapons. But against the Finns the Red army depended uniquely upon steamroller tactics and extreme weight and might well reveal itself as unwieldy and clumsy against a larger opponent.

Nevertheless, this war has proved that Soviet Russia has an army, and that its best divisions fight hard and courageously. Foreign correspondents in Finland have been criticised for failing to stress this fact. In reality, it had not been established as a fact in the first two months of the Russo-Finnish war. Moreover, when the Red army began to show its power, at the beginning of its six weeks' offensive, correspondents were not allowed to go to the Isthmus front. The last trip, restricted to two American news agency men, occurred on February 11th, and no correspondents have been with Finnish forces on the Karelian Isthmus since that date.

The Finnish High Command had good reasons for these restrictions at a moment when its troops were fighting desperately with their backs to the wall. But foreign correspondents cannot base their judgment of military accomplishment merely upon hearsay or half guesses. The truth of the matter is simple enough. It was only when the Soviet's six weeks' offensive was maintained despite the expectations of all neutral experts, and the steady progress of the Russian drive on the eastern side of the Isthmus became known in its amplitude, that the Red army's capacity, in certain vital categories, was confirmed to those who were obliged to estimate its progress from a point as remote as Helsinki.

To-day, it is only fair to put the record as straight as possible—and in truth, this cannot fail to cast clear light upon the astonishing and well-nigh incredible resistance of the Finns. More and more one becomes convinced that, man for man, there is no army in the world which is superior to the little Finnish army, and it may well be that, man for man, there is none which is its equal in fighting qualities, physical endurance and intelligence. If there had been another 100,000 such Finns, the war would have lasted for many months yet.

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The inventor is Sir Richard Cruise, London ophthalmic surgeon and eye specialist to Queen Mary, who is carrying on the work he left off at the end of the last war.

Twenty-three years ago in France, shocked at the increasing number of casualties who were blinded on their sightless way to Blighty trains, he decided that the shrapnel helmet alone could never give sufficient protection from shell blast and explosions.

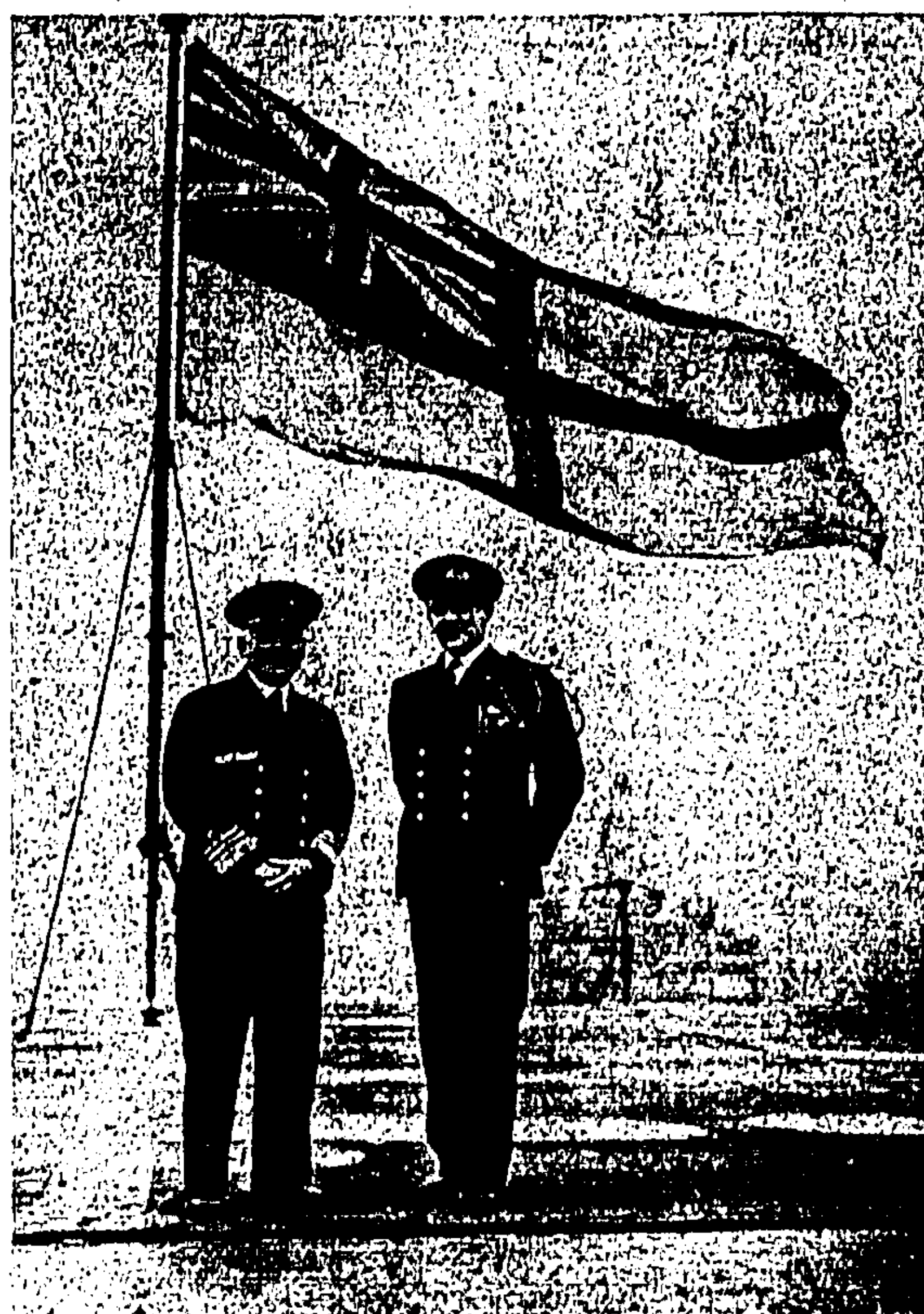
He experimented and produced a three-inch-deep veil of steel. It was officially adopted, and in the last year of the war greatly reduced the number of eye casualties. Now his improved 1940 version of the old visor is undergoing tests. All that can be revealed is that it is made of perforated steel on the "roll-top" desk principle.

Soldiers can jerk it down instantly, in the way a woman lowers her veil. There is no interference with sight.

Sir Richard, who is daily expecting the result of the War Office experiments, would not discuss his invention yesterday.—Havas.

MME. LUPESCU IN LONDON

Mme. Lupescu, red-haired friend of King Carol of Rumania, is in London. She left Rumania several days ago, just before Carol raised the ban on the Iron Guard, the members of which are her sworn enemies. She is expected to stay in England only a short time before going to the United States. Mme. Lupescu has, for years, had two accommodation passports which enable her to move about the continent with her identity concealed.



Reported sunk by Nazi wireless, H.M.S. Ark Royal has just returned to a home port for re-fuelling and re-victualling. No battle scars or even a scratch from warlike action disturbed her exterior or interior. Photo shows Vice Admiral L. V. Wells together with Flag-Lieut. Wyldborne Smith on the flight deck of H.M.S. Ark Royal. (Copyright, Fox).

GRAF SPEE REVELATIONS

Crew Told Of War Ten Days Before It Actually Began

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.
THE JOURNAL OF one of the crew of the Graf Spee has been secured by Lord Strabolgi and excerpts from it printed in his book, "The Battle of the River Plate," published on Friday.

According to this journal, the Graf Spee left Wilhelmshaven secretly ten days before the German attack on Poland. On the second day out at sea, the captain told the crew that their mission was to harass shipping in the South Atlantic during the war which was to come.

With regard to the authenticity of the journal, Lord Strabolgi says that he sees no reason to doubt it. It came to him from the Argentine, where the Graf Spee's crew is interned; it has every appearance of authenticity and its contents coincide with the facts that are known.

When the Graf Spee entered Montevideo, the journal reveals, she was by no means a mere combatant. All the Uruguayan Government had was one gunboat, and she had no other means to enforce her desire to see the German battleship depart.

The Graf Spee, according to the journal, left only after Uruguay appealed to her more powerful neighbours and secured their promise to help if the Graf Spee tried to overstay her welcome. Preferring not to have a couple of American warships come down, Hitler decided that the time had come to respect Uruguayan neutrality—or at least, that is the implication of the story now told.—Havas.

MOUSTACHE BOOM IN HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood is starting a moustache boom.

Robert Taylor is the latest film star to succumb to the lure—joining Robert Preston, Errol Flynn, Brian Donlevy and Douglas Fairbanks Jun. In putting the stamp of approval on the fashion trend.

Max Factor, a Hollywood make-up expert, predicts that 500,000 new moustaches will be grown by American manhood during this year.

He believes women will not oppose the moustache when so many of their screen favourites adopt them.

According to 1940 dictates moustache fashions should avoid both the Hitler style or the heavy kind worn by Adolphe Menjou.

The kind that will be accepted says Factor, is a thin moustache no too like a brush.

LOVED BY 11 WIVES

New York, Yesterday.

His widow and seven of his ten former wives wept as they followed the remains of Frank Warren to the grave at Straight Creek, Kentucky, to-day.

All heavily veiled, the eight women interrupted the graveside prayers with such cries as:

"He was a grand man, he was," and "Never did such a good husband live."

Warren died at the age of seventy-four after a busy life of marriage, divorce and remarriage. But though eleven times wed, he had only four children.

A dweller in the mountains of Kentucky, notorious for child brides, Warren lived up to its tradition by marrying girls between the ages of thirteen and sixteen.

"He was a regular shakel," Jon Asher, father-in-law number six, said over the telephone.

"He broke the hearts of ten wives by forcing them to divorce him." His youngest bride was under thirteen when he married her. His widow Cynthia is only sixteen now.

NAZI WHITE SLAVE TERROR

London, Yesterday.
Thousands of Polish girls are being "conscripted" by the Nazi conquerors into a life of white slavery.

This information has reached the Polish authorities in London by refugees who have escaped, and from Rabbis and other responsible Poles who have seen this phase of the Nazi terror at close quarters.

An affidavit regarding one incident has been sworn by Dr. Szoskies, who until his escape in December was a member of the Jewish Committee of Elders in Warsaw.

This sworn affidavit, now in the possession of the Chief Rabbi of New York, says:

"On Nov. 2 the German Group Leader Wende, representing the Gestapo, presented himself officially in the office of the Jewish community in Warsaw and demanded the opening of two brothels, one for officers, one for other ranks. 'The inmates were to be Jewish girls.'"

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"The Jewish Elders steadfastly refused to shame their race by agreeing to such a proposal."

Another Rabbi has formally reported that thousands of girls have been seized in the occupied districts, sterilized, and then transported to the Western Front.

After dinner one night, the officers organised a raid on Franciszkanska street, in the Jewish quarter.

Forty young Jewish girls were taken from their houses and dragged into the mess, where they were stripped and made to dance, and were then beaten, abused and outraged.

Protests to the German authorities have brought no satisfaction. Mothers who have pleaded that their daughters be sent back to them have been threatened with the concentration camps.—Our Own Correspondent.

VIOLATION OF BELGIAN NEUTRALITY

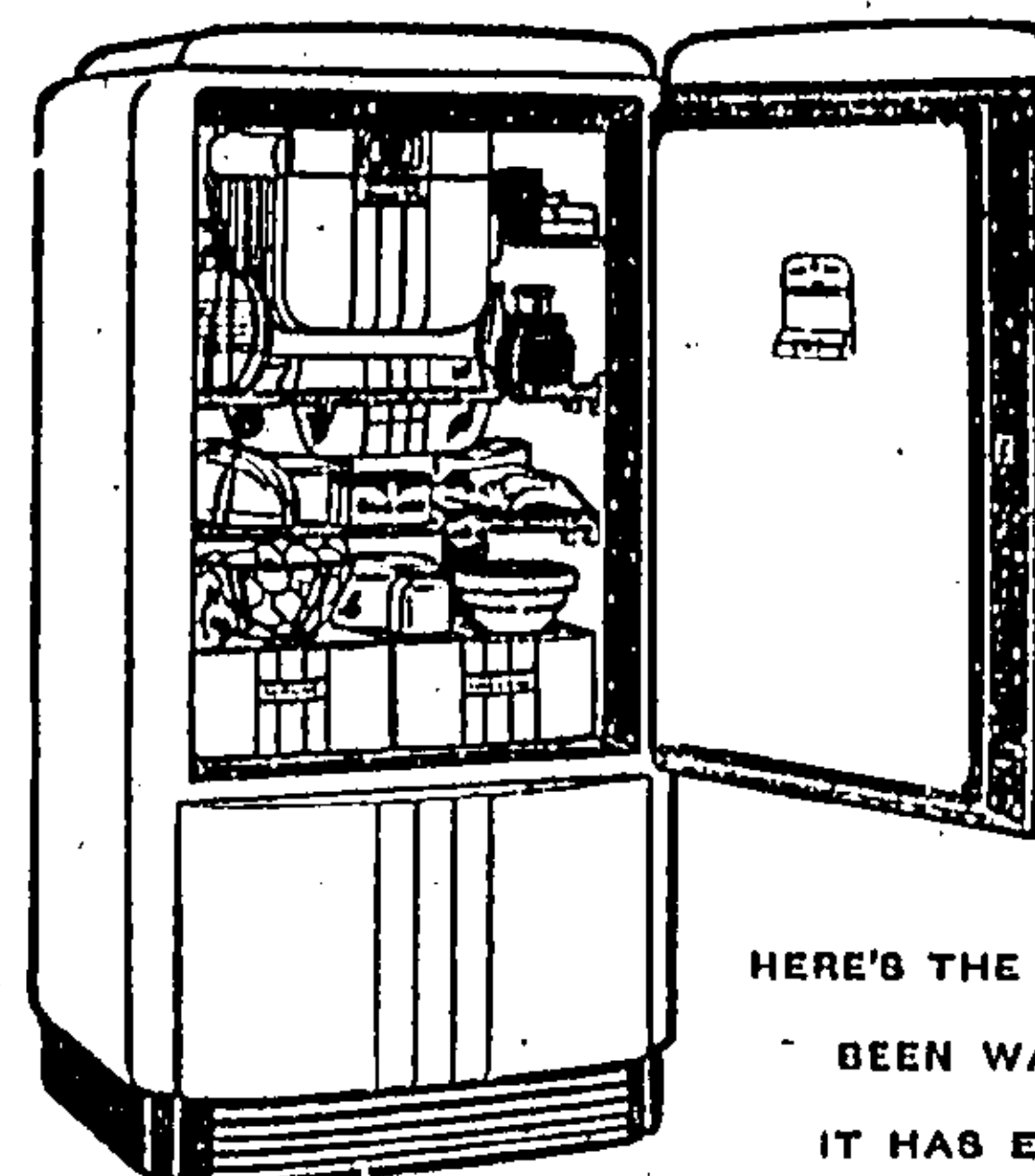
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AMSTERDAM, YESTERDAY.
GERMAN PLANES CONTINUE TO VIOLATE BELGIAN NEUTRALITY, DUTCH NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS REPORT.

A recent communiqué said that on April 2, eight foreign planes flew over Belgium—seven Nazi machines, one British.

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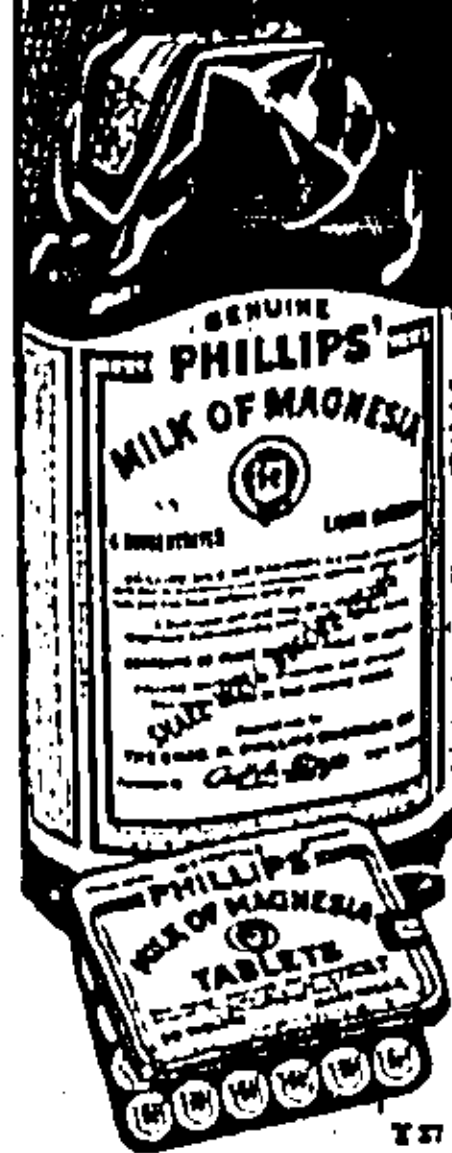


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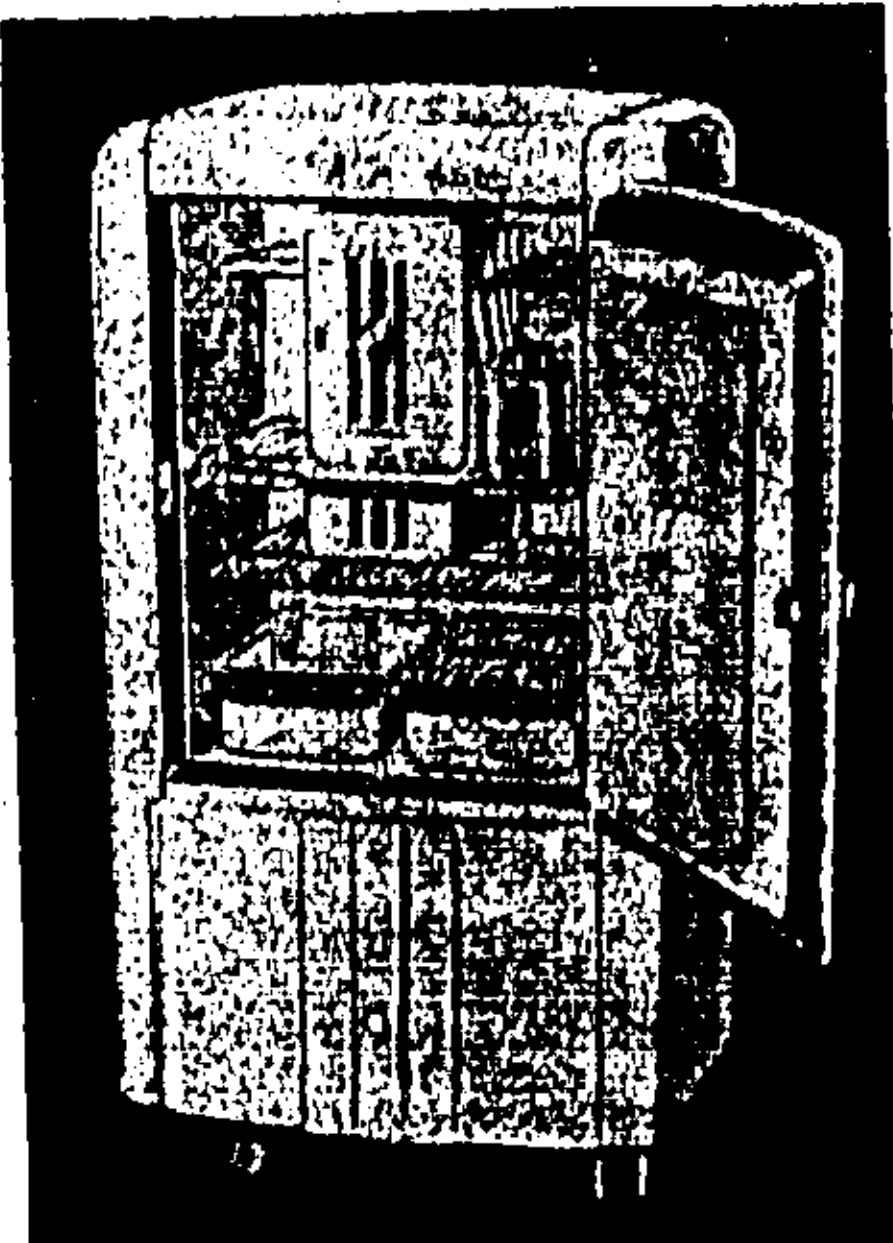
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Hitler And The Opposition

BEFORE the War a view was prevalent regarding the situation in Germany according to which the only way of overthrowing the National Socialist regime in Germany and clearing the path for a new peace order in Europe would be the outbreak of war.

It was argued that this outbreak would create the psychological premises to enable an opposition within the government to sweep away the regime and start peace negotiations before the war had actually begun. For an essential part of the German people's continued willingness to follow their Leader was based on the illusion that all his political successes had been achieved without war, and that this would continue. It was held that a war would be most unpopular in Germany and would provide the necessary lever for the overthrow of National Socialism.

THERE is no doubt that this opinion, which I shared to a certain extent myself, and with good reason, has proved erroneous. But why was it that the expected reaction did not set in?

It is natural enough to conclude that the German people, intoxicated with the dream of power, blindly follow their Leader and identify themselves with him. It was clear from the outset that the mass of the people, in view of the regime's totalitarian machinery of domination, neither was nor is in a position to take any initiative. But why is it that such responsible persons as shared in the actual exercise of power, sections that might have judged whether the German policy was bound to lead, did not intervene?

No doubt the shape the war has assumed, the unqualified military success over Poland, contributed to make these people doubt that Great Britain and France were determined in all seriousness to resist.

The shock the German people received when war broke out gave way to the conviction that Hitler would, after all, manage things so that there would be no real war. This swing-over in the feeling of the Germans, which would in a measure explain, too, the unsuccessfulness of Allied propaganda deprived the German opposition of the chance of any successful action against the regime.

A German general, still a member of the High Command, assured me in 1934 that there could be no question of Army Headquarters being burdened once more with exclusive responsibility, as was the case with General Ludendorff in the Great War. Political questions were to be the affair of the "civil side," and the High Command would accept no responsibility for them. No action against the regime could be contemplated unless popular feeling provided the psychological conditions for an overthrow. In no circumstances could the Army risk a civil war.

I have reason for believing that the pre-suppositions alluded to at that time regarding intervention by the Army have not been dropped, but, on the contrary, opinion in this direction has hardened.

The overthrow of the regime is only possible under the stress of a hopeless military situation, or if public opinion generally considered an overthrow as a step to avoiding chaos and towards upholding or re-establishing order, but not as a beginning of disturbances in the nature of civil war.

None of these conditions exists as yet.

The German nation has not yet grasped its perilous position. Instead of a military defeat there has been, at least outwardly, a brilliant victory.

One must endeavour to see certain aspects in the Allied situation as they appear to the German masses and to the regime, and as confirming Hitler's conviction that, in spite of his materially very serious position, he is only a couple of lengths from the goal—that goal being to induce England and France, despite all their protestations, to resign themselves to recognising the facts accomplished created in Central and Eastern Europe.

PRECISELY those features which indicate the strength of Britain and France to everyone familiar with these nations' ways of life, must be counted by the prejudiced judgment of the German regime as signs of weakness and the beginnings of collapse. After a period of transient perplexity, Hitler since the outbreak of war has apparently learned nothing of the powers of resistance of the Allies.

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ing of the powers of resistance of the Allies.

The latest information gathered from the circle of his closest confidants shows that he expects Great Britain to be ready to capitulate by autumn at the latest.

WHAT are his grounds for such illusions?

There are many factors which between them form a conclusive picture for him and his advisers: this free discussion of peace aims, certain pacifistic debates and suggestions, the desire in certain quarters that there shall be no clear victory by force of arms for the Allies, as this would mean the beginning of an era of reactionary politics, conversations about the unavoidable general impoverishment, etc.

In Hitler's view the British are led by business men ("hucksters") who would rather cut their losses in time than hold out to certain bankruptcy.

With some semblance of justification, at least for Germans, Hitler may point out that he is not far distant from achieving the triumph of his psychological warfare, namely, the disintegration of the internal front.

Thus he is able to crush all arguments against his policy and to disseminate in German opposition circles a self-mistrust calculated at the same time to paralyse their activity and to rally the wavering members of the Nazi Party by the hope that he, Hitler, is on the point of concluding a peace of compromise—a compromise of course, in form alone, actually a decisive victory, giving him domination over Central and Near Eastern Europe.

THERE can be no doubt that in the new phase of the German peace offensive a trend of thought is beginning to make itself felt, plainly inspired by Hitler himself with some astuteness, and widely disseminated by a whispering-campaign, with a view to undermining the last possible resistance to such a compromise-peace.

This propaganda is based on a by no means unjustified mistrust on the part of the Western Powers of any German regime which might succeed to the inheritance of National Socialism.

It points out plausibly enough that it is not the business of the Western Powers to provide Germany with decent Government.

Let them either finish off Germany once and for all, or else, without insisting on the overthrow of this regime as a condition, make peace with it if adequate material guarantees are forthcoming.

EVERY German Government has resorted to subterfuge and cam-

ouflage, whoever happened to be at the helm, be it Stressemann, Brüning, Wirth, Müller or Rathenau, be it an Imperial or a Democratic German. The prevailing policy of Germany always will be domination of Europe, revenge and lust of power. The National Socialist regime at least commends itself by its stability, its domination of the masses, and the fact that there can be no illusions about its character. There is at any rate frankness in its brutal expression of this brutal German people. If this regime were to give real guarantees it would be preferable to any other, which would only open the door to fresh adventures and surprises.

It is not the purpose of this article to absolve certain circles, the Army and other leading classes, of the responsibility of what has happened in Germany, and to lay it entirely on the shoulders of National Socialism.

In its initial stages, at least, National Socialism was scarcely more than an instrument in the hands of other people, and by no means the only deciding factor.

But it seems necessary to recognise the limitations set to the German opposition's freedom of action to-day, not because there is not yet time to count on a breakdown in Germany, but lest erroneous and most fateful conclusions should be drawn that would destroy the future of Europe once for all. (World Copyright 1940 by "Sunday Herald" and Co-operation. Reproduction in whole or part strictly forbidden.)

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NAZI FINANCIAL STRAITS

Hints Of Inflation Already Begin To Appear

TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFITS

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Ltd. which will be held on Tuesday, 30th April the following will be embodied in the Directors' Report:—
 The balance in credit of Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1939, (including the sum of \$149,523.84 brought forward from the previous year and after making provision for payment to Government of Royalties on the revised basis) amounted to \$1,379,403.20.
 After charging \$256,793.00 for depreciation and effecting on 11th July, 1939—the payment of an Interim Dividend of 4 per cent. absorbing \$225,000.00, there remains the sum of \$897,609.60 which the Board recommends be appropriated as follows:—To Payment of a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on the Fully Paid Up Shares (making 14 per cent. for the year), \$500,000.00; To Payment of a Final Dividend of 25 cents on Partly Paid Shares \$62,500.00; To Sinking Fund Instalment transferred to Capital Reserve, \$92,577.00; To Carry forward to next Account, \$242,532.60.

BRITISH AIR ROUTE TO LISBON

London, Yesterday.
 It is learnt in London, that the French, Spanish and Portuguese Governments have agreed to the operation of a British air service from London to Lisbon via Bordeaux, with facilities for emergency landings at Salamanca.

Sir Watford Selby, His Majesty's Ambassador at Lisbon, will be flying home on the first return experimental flight from Lisbon on April 10.—British Wireless.

VLADIVOSTOK TO AUSTRALIA ?

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
 San Francisco, Yesterday.
 It is believed here that the Australian contraband control ports which go into operation on Monday, may be used for the examination of cargoes of Soviet ships carrying goods to Vladivostok.—Havas.

Spending At Twice Rate Of Possible Income

London, Yesterday.
 RECENT FIGURES BY THE German Ministry of Finance in Berlin have given the total of the German Government's indebtedness at the end of 1939 as 41,000,000,000 marks. This is three times the figure when the Nazis came into power.

Mr. Leonard Ingrams, who, for 15 years, was closely connected with German financial circles in Germany, says these figures are incomplete.

The actual indebtedness at the end of 1939 was approximately 60,000,000,000 marks or five times as much as when the Nazis came into power seven years ago.

It is not so much the total figure of the Nazi Government's debt which is of interest as the rate at which it is increasing.

Since the war began, German public debt has risen at the steady rate of 2,000,000,000 marks a month, which the Nazis have to borrow from the German people to make up the difference between taxation income and war expenditure.

This monthly amount is, in other words, over and above the income, to raise which the Nazis must depend on the money which the German people save.

GERMAN SAVINGS

The savings of the German people, including the special earnings of businesses, is only equal to half the required figure, or 1,000,000,000 marks a month. The war, therefore, seems to be costing the Nazis about 1,000,000,000 marks a month more than they can get out of the people by taxation or borrow out of current savings.

The people's accumulated savings were all borrowed and spent before the war began. How have the Nazis found the extra 1,000,000,000 a month up to now?

They have apparently been living on a little bit of fat in the shape of the stocks of goods in shops and warehouses, or, in other words, on the working capital of German business. When a businessman has sold

his stock, he has been unable to replace it, so the money has gone into the bank, where the Government can borrow it.

SHORTAGES IN SHOPS

This sort of thing, however, cannot last for long, and already one hears of shortages of goods in shops. What then?

The Nazis can increase taxation. But taxes are already very high and there is reason to doubt whether even these will be collected in full.

The Nazis can force the people to save more. The recent proposal for a compulsory old age pensions scheme was a step in this direction.

Or the Nazis can force the people to save indirectly by stricter rationing and reducing the supply of goods on which they can spend money. But already, the people can get little more than the simple necessities of life.

This means inflation, and inflation is hinted at already in the recent returns of the Reichbank.—Reuter.

REYNAUD'S VOTE IN CHAMBER

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
 Paris, Yesterday.

Despite a large number of abstentions in the Chamber of Deputies vote yesterday, political circles are of opinion that the Premier is fully supported by the majority of deputies, who definitely favour more energetic conduct of the war and closer co-operation with Britain.

The Premier's personal position in the Chamber is very delicate, since he does not have behind him a great constituted party backing him and must rely on the Radical-Socialists.

The latter's feeling towards him is definitely better, mainly owing to the intervention of M. Edouard Daladier, the former Premier and leader of the party.—Havas.

TIENSIN SILVER QUESTION

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")
 London, Yesterday.

British official quarters are unaware of press reports that a settlement of the question of the silver deposits in Tientsin is expected in the near future.

It is admitted, however, that negotiations are proceeding in a favourable atmosphere and it is hoped the parleys will end successfully.—Havas.

COLONIAL POLICY OF DEVELOPMENT

London, Yesterday.
 FURTHER PRESS COMMENT received in London indicates the favourable impression made in the Colonial Empire by the announcement of the Government policy of colonial development.

West and East African newspapers warmly welcome the announcement, the Gambia "Daily News" saying: "To-day the British Government publicly declares a policy for economic development of colonial peoples which will go down as a landmark in the history of the British colonial empire."

"Every student of that long history must feel highly gratified that the West Indian Report has inspired such action as outlined in the Government's historic declaration. This statement fills the people of the colonies, particularly those of Gambia, with unbounded joy and gratitude."

The Gold Coast "Spectator," observing there are two schools of thought regarding colonial development—one which pursues it for imperial interests and the other, the right one, which bases it on the interests of the natives—comment: "Right has triumphed."

HOPEFUL AUGURY
 The Kenya "Weekly News" considers that "the grant is the most hopeful augury for the future we have had since the colony was proclaimed," while the Indian paper "Tanganyika Opinion" pays tribute to "the sacrifice of a magnificent sum of money for colonial development which must symbolize both the Empire's determination to win through as well as an earnest desire not to let things be in the least neglected or disorganised in spite of the trying conditions of the present day."

The Nyasaland "Times" selects for particularly favourable comment the declaration that first emphasis will be on the economic position of the colonies and the absence of a uniform plan for development leaving each colony free to make its own proposals.—British Wireless.

WEST COAST HAVE GOOD YEAR

The last year proved another successful one for the West Coast Life Insurance Company, according to the annual report just issued. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1939. Briefly, it points out that the admitted assets total US\$20,028,414.85, an increase for the year of US\$1,127,094.16 over the previous year.

The insurance in force increased to US\$119,462,176. Premiums received during the year, new and renewal, totalled US\$4,042,400.16.

FAVOURABLE RATE OF MORTALITY

The rate of mortality experienced in 1939 was 45 per cent. of the expected. This was very favourable, and 10 per cent. lower than that of 1938.

Disbursements to the Company's policyholders during 1939, exclusive of policy loans, totalled US\$2,090,084.91. Since the organization of the Company in 1908 the amount of benefits distributed in cash to policyholders and their beneficiaries total US\$45,809,750.55.

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CONSISTENTLY good dividends marked the Third Extra Race Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club, held yesterday at the Valley before a very fair crowd and in fine weather.

The highest dividend was \$61.60, paid out on A Great Time (Mr. Tao) for second place, and the second highest was \$50.10 on Portrush (Mr. S. W. Lee) for a win. The "Daily Double" — Oonagh and Advancing Time — paid \$340.80 to each of 21 backers.

The track was on the fast side and entries were most satisfactory, averaging almost 13 starters per race. Only 36 of 151 entries did not accept, and among these were included Far View and Sapper, which were kept out of the two-mile event.

The Zylch Stable, new owners of the Dunbar string of ponies, sent out Baffin Bay, which was beaten by a short head, Galveston Bay, which lost by 3 lengths, and Hillsboro Bay, which ran nowhere. Mr. D. Black, who was Mr. Dunbar's jockey and who is at present leading the jockey table, had, as was to be expected, a poor afternoon, securing only one third in four starts.

Mr. L. B. Chan headed the successful jockeys yesterday with two wins and a second in six starts, while Mr. Li Po-chun was the leading owner with a first and third.

Only Orange Bowen and Wilkyns failed to accept for the Canton Handicap (first section) for which Manetta's Chatterbox was made favourite, followed by Lucky's Some Hope.

The field of 12 runners set away to a good start and Sunlight View went out in front, followed by Wilber, Some Hope, Talkative and Chatterbox. At the football stands Sunlight View was leading by six lengths from Wilber, but in the back straight West Lake went up quickly and was actually leading at the Rock, followed by Sunlight View and Chatterbox. Wilber gave up at the 1½ mile gate, and at this juncture Some Hope commenced its challenge, only to find Chatterbox secured too great an advantage. Chatterbox (Mr. Young Wing-kwai) won by 1½ lengths and Some Hope (Mr. Chiu Kiu-fan) beat Wilber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) by a length for second place. Wilber rallied well over the last 100 yards and just beat Night View for third place.

The Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles for the first time, did not attract Far View at 163lb, Sapper at 163lb, Tornado Star and Maple Star, and in the absence of this year's crack, Baffin Bay (Mr. Heane) was made hot favourite, with Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa) second favourite.

From the start Courtine Eve (Mr. Phi) raced away into a big lead, followed some distance behind by Triumphant Day, Sparrow and Vanity Fair. Baffin Bay was third, followed by Lucky Lad and Lancashire Chips. Passing the Rock for the first time Courtine Eve was leading by quite 15 lengths from Amicus Curiae, Triumphant Day, Sparrow, Australian Diamond and Vanity Fair. Passing the steeple, Baffin Bay was leading the steeple, but it had to make up too much leeway. A spirited struggle developed in the home stretch when Baffin Bay came up with a push. It was unable to get through and had to take the rails position, losing ground in doing so, but, despite this, it was beaten by only a short head, by

Amicus Curiae, very ably ridden by Mr. Tao. Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei) was two lengths behind, and Viceroy was fourth, Lucky Lad fifth and Courtine Eve sixth.

The quarters for this race were: 24, 26.4, 27.4, 28.4, 29.4, 30.4, 31.4, 32.4, 33.4, 34.4, 35.4, 36.4, 37.4, 38.4, 39.4, 40.4, 41.4, 42.4, 43.4, 44.4, 45.4, 46.4, 47.4, 48.4, 49.4, 50.4, 51.4, 52.4, 53.4, 54.4, 55.4, 56.4, 57.4, 58.4, 59.4, 60.4, 61.4, 62.4, 63.4, 64.4, 65.4, 66.4, 67.4, 68.4, 69.4, 70.4, 71.4, 72.4, 73.4, 74.4, 75.4, 76.4, 77.4, 78.4, 79.4, 80.4, 81.4, 82.4, 83.4, 84.4, 85.4, 86.4, 87.4, 88.4, 89.4, 90.4, 91.4, 92.4, 93.4, 94.4, 95.4, 96.4, 97.4, 98.4, 99.4, 100.4, 101.4, 102.4, 103.4, 104.4, 105.4, 106.4, 107.4, 108.4, 109.4, 110.4, 111.4, 112.4, 113.4, 114.4, 115.4, 116.4, 117.4, 118.4, 119.4, 120.4, 121.4, 122.4, 123.4, 124.4, 125.4, 126.4, 127.4, 128.4, 129.4, 130.4, 131.4, 132.4, 133.4, 134.4, 135.4, 136.4, 137.4, 138.4, 139.4, 140.4, 141.4, 142.4, 143.4, 144.4, 145.4, 146.4, 147.4, 148.4, 149.4, 150.4, 151.4, 152.4, 153.4, 154.4, 155.4, 156.4, 157.4, 158.4, 159.4, 160.4, 161.4, 162.4, 163.4, 164.4, 165.4, 166.4, 167.4, 168.4, 169.4, 170.4, 171.4, 172.4, 173.4, 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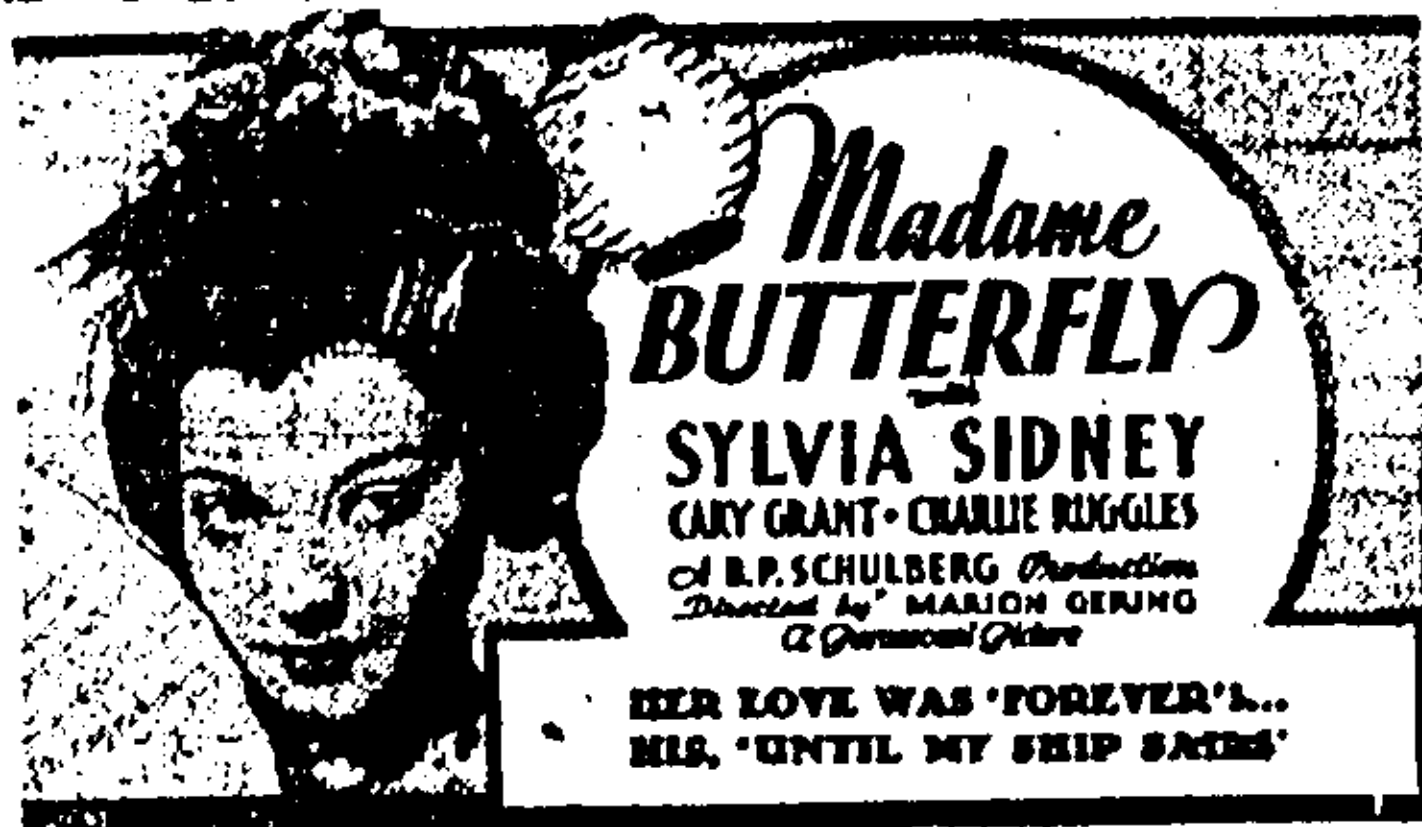
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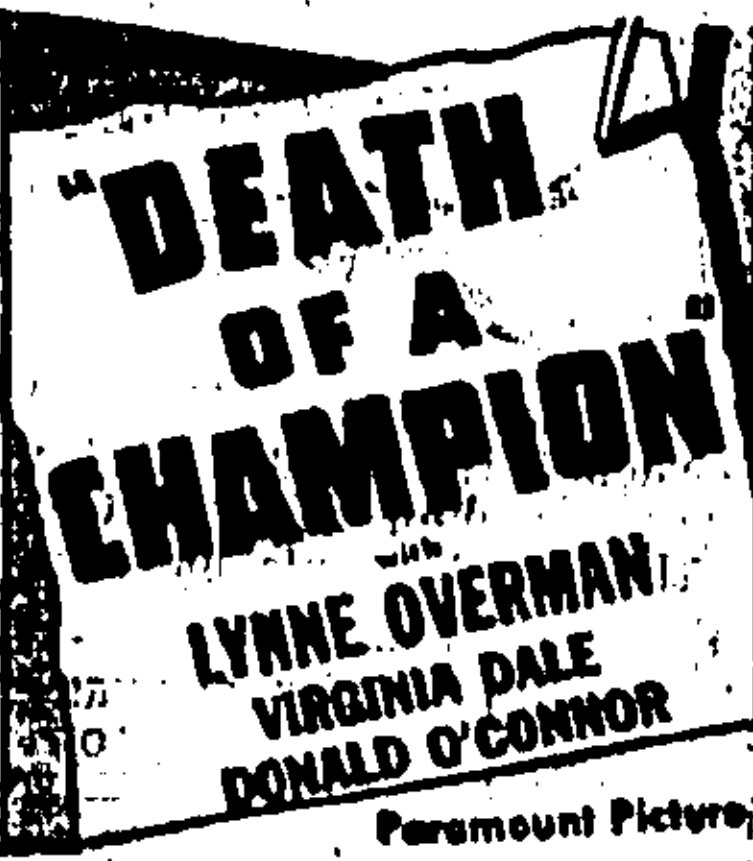
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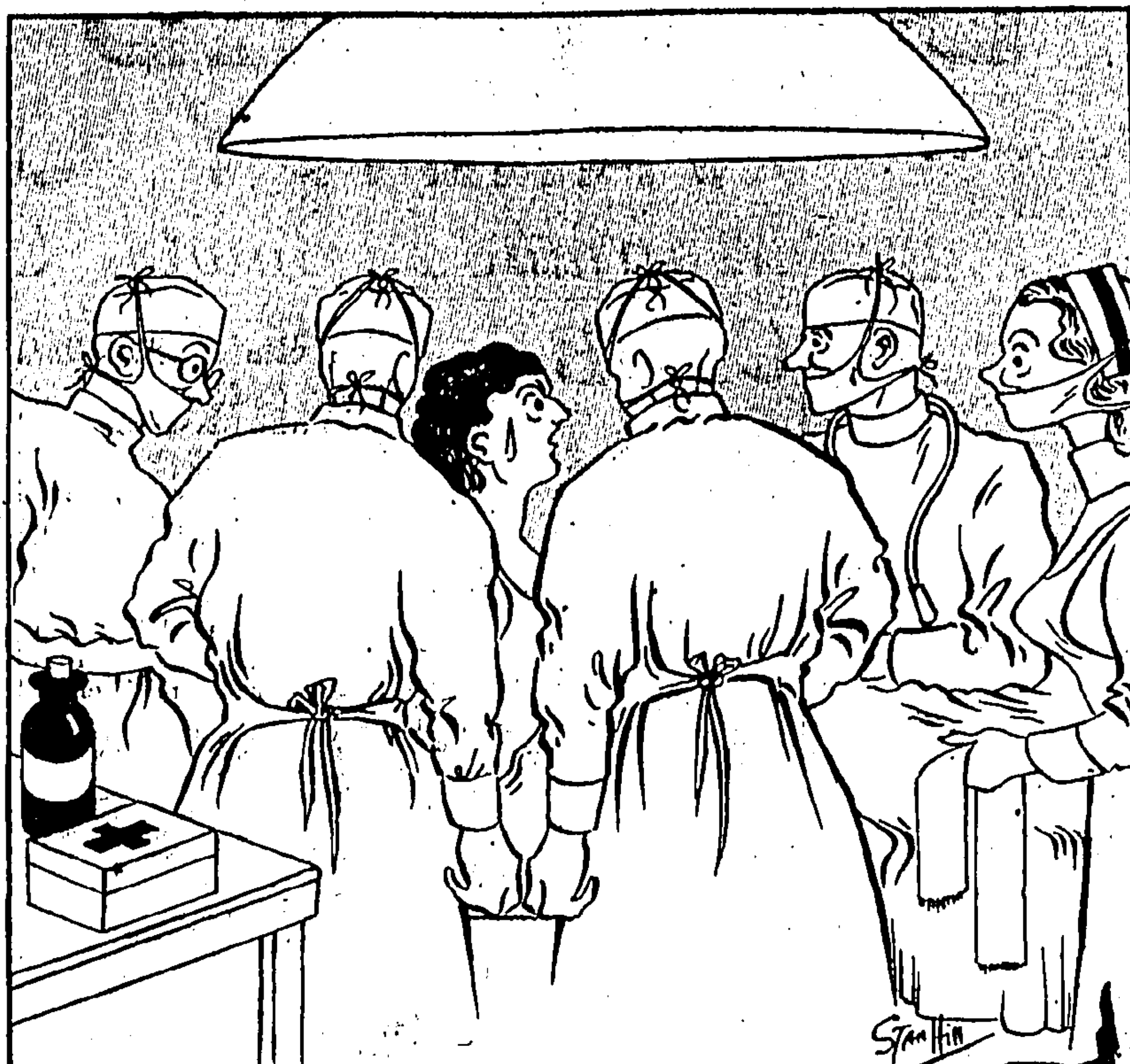
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12.30 p.m.—Two Songs by Theodore Chailapine (Bass). Open To Me The Gates of Repentance (Wedel); Prayer: Now Let Us Depart (Strokin)... with Choir of Russian Metro, Church in Paris.

12.38 p.m.—Light Orchestra Selections. What's Next? (A Potpourri of popular tunes of the last half Century—arr. Herman Finck)... Herman Finck & His Orchestra.

Down South (Myddleton, arr. Tub-bush); Watermelon Fete (Thur-burn)... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Sam Browne.

Piccadilly—Concert Arrangement (from 'Soft lights and sweet music'); Falling Leaves (Kennedy, Carr)... Ambrose & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Studio—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Porges (Piano).

1.23 p.m.—Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. "The Dancing Years" Selection (Ivor Novello).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn. Quartet in A Major, Op. 55, No. 1. Pro Arte Quartet.

The Heavens Are Telling ("The Creation")... Achieved Is The Glorious Work ("The Creation")... London Choral Society and London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Meister... Pau... Casals ("Cello") with Piano accomp.

2.13 p.m.—Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor) and Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).

C'est A Capri (Grosz); Le Chaland Qui Passe (Bixio)... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.

The Warbler ("Zemire et Azor"—Gretty)... Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano) with Flute Obligato by Clement Barone and Orch.

Un Violon Dans La Nuit (from "Parade du Monde")... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Russian Nightingale Song (Al-bieff)... Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano) with Flute Obligato by Clement Barone and Orch.

2.30 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

7.00 p.m.—Two Suites by Delius. In A Summer Garden... London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Song by Alexander Kipnis (Bass). Ah Die Nachtigall, Op. 46, No. 4 (Brahms)... with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

8.07 p.m.—Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98. Folk Wain-gartner conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—"The Voice of the Nazi"—2. Recorded talk by Professor W. A. Sinclair.

9.00 p.m.—Concert Waltzes. Idylle Passionnelle (Georges Razigade)... Orchestra Mascotte.

Joy of the Past (Schwarz); Sor-rowful (Schwarz)... Russian Novelty Orchestra.

Hydrophother Waltz (Gungl); Wol-gal! Wolgal! (Walter Noack)... Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Despatch from the Front".

9.45 p.m.—Choral and Organ Music. Chorale No. 3 in A Minor (Cesar Franck)... Guy Weitz at the Organ of Westminster Cathedral, London.

Praise The Lord, O My Soul (Wes-ley)... Choir of the Temple Church, London, with G. Thal-ben Ball at the Organ.

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (Bach)... Dr. Albert Schweitzer at the Organ of Queen's Hall, London.

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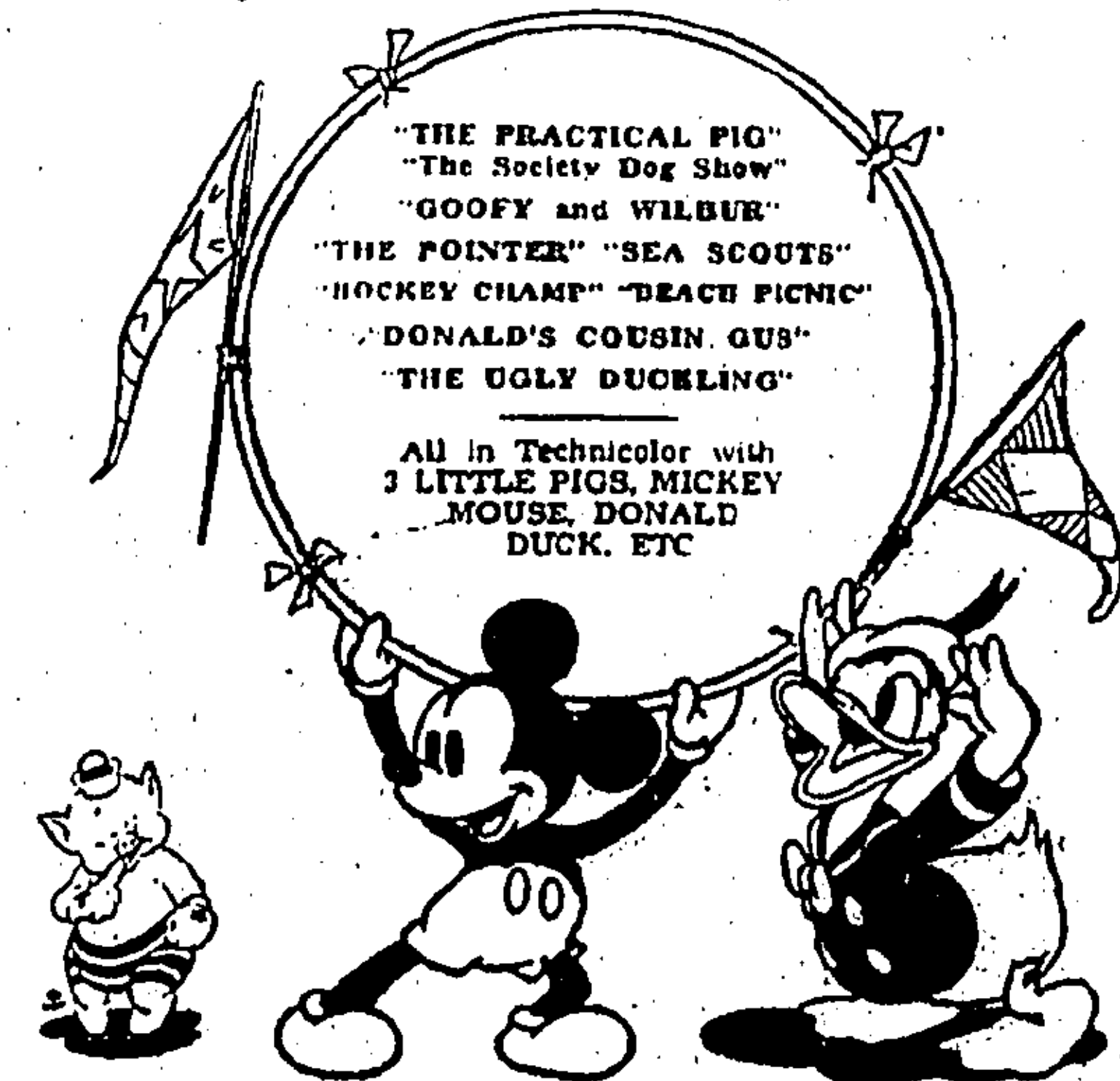
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By A. E. L. R.

BERTIE GOSANO, who is to be married today to Miss P. V. Vianovich, daughter of the former Colony billiards champion, is a sportsman to the core, and of whom the sports community has reason to be proud.

To-day's Wedding

Bertie commenced his soccer career when still at St. Joseph's College, at the age of 13. He played two seasons for Recreio Juniors before leaving school, and when an injury forced the late Daniel Xavier out of the game he received a promotion as outside-right in Recreio's first eleven. Since that day he has not looked back, being very fast, possessing good ball control, being accurate with his centre and, above all, not being afraid to make the most of his opportunities.

He has represented Hong Kong with credit on six occasions against Shanghai, in 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934, against Tientsin in 1930 and 1934, has captained Portugal's triumphant team in the "Sunday" tournament, and in 1932, was a member of the 1932 championship team. During his period with Recreio and later with St. Joseph's, for whom he played for two seasons, he has not been fortunate enough to secure either League or Shield medals, but he has played in all the representative games possible.

Nino H.K. Caps

His athletic prowess was later shown at Club de Recreio and Volunteers Meetings, at football and also at swimming. Two well-known tennis players were at St. Joseph's in his time, the late J. A. C. Casimiro, a Colony Singles and Doubles finalist, and Y. Inchiama, J. W. Leonard's partner for several years.

IN 1928 and 1929 he was a member of the Portuguese team which met the Shanghai Portuguese, both in Hong Kong and Shanghai, but probably the game he best remembers.

Against All-China

Recreio-St. Joseph's team travelled to Canton in 1928 to meet the All-China Olympic team in a game which was held in the Chinese Relief Fund. A last-minute goal by Lee Wai-tung enabled the Berlin Games team to force a 1-1 draw in the first half. The first time at outside-right, when an Association team won 4-3, and the second time, after the team had been humiliated by their departure to Europe, as a fullback, in partnership with his brother "A. V." The Association team also won this game.

THIS game that will stand out in Bertie's mind for a very long time, however, was the 1930 Interport in Shanghai, which was played on a snowed-out pitch, and a bitterly cold weather. Faced with players of the calibre of Dariusz, Chellu, and Bussiere, and conceding a 1-0 chance of winning, the Colony side rose to the occasion and won 3-2. Members of that team were Dufford, Dufford, Lee Kwok-wai, Lee Wai-tung, D. Leonard, Leung Wing-chiu, Chris Pile, George Rodger, Swain and Talbot.

The 1936 Interport

Asked whom he considered to be the best footballer during his time, Bertie emphatically replied without hesitation that he had the greatest admiration for his brother "A. V." as an all-round, though Lee Wai-tung was the nearest footballer he had seen on here, possessing brilliant ball control and a powerful and accurate right-foot shot.

A incident which stands out in my mind in regard to Bertie's sporting career was the trip made to Macao by a V.R.C. crew in 1931. The first crew—time had two crews, and the first crew—L. Roza-Perreira, V. A. Neves, C. R. Pereira, A. Silva-Neto and A. Pina—decided one week-end to attempt to reach Macao in an out-rigger four. Everything went well until they were four or five miles out from Macao, and then the rudder broke due to the very strong current and they had to be towed into Macao, much to their annoyance after having taken a direct course and been in the boat for ten hours. The second crew—the late Hector Remedios, L. Soares, S. Saito Souza, F. M. Chico Silva and Bertie Gosano—were also on the trip.

Rowed To Macao

Paul Bell, member of Kowloon Football Club's senior football eleven, has left for Shanghai on transfer.

EASTERN BEAT ROYAL SCOTS BY ONLY TWO GOALS

Only Two Points Now Needed

S. CHINA DEFEAT SAPPERS

Engineers failed to displace South China for first place in the Second Division when they were well and truly beaten by three goals to nil on the Club ground yesterday.

A poor forward line was the cause of the Engineers' defeat. Moxham was back between the sticks after a short absence due to an injured knee, but it was evident that he is not yet fit. The full-backs, Palmer and Tang Chung-pak, were the mainstay of the team. Birrell played in the centre-half berth for the first time, but whilst being very capable in that position, is more at home at right-half. Jones played his usual brilliant game, but Waito, the right-half, was again weak. It was not until well on in the latter half that the forwards showed any of their usual form, and even then they were unable to finish off their approach work.

The Chinese forward line was very formidable, the wingers, Chan Wing-to and Tam Chen-ah, being speedy and possessing fine ball control. Chan Ching-in, the centre-forward, was, however, the outstanding player, being always ready to make the most of his opportunities and completing an afternoon's hard work by netting two fine goals in the latter half.

ROYALS BEAT ELECTRIC

In their Third Division encounter against Electric at the Valley Road Sports Ground yesterday, Royals were practically all the play and won by the comfortable margin of 3 goals to 1, after a goalless first half. Royals were the better balanced team, worked tremendously hard, and did not give the Electric eleven to such an extent that they were confined to their own half of the field for the majority of the game. Royals had only 10 men throughout the game and had they not fielded a good defence their goal would have fallen on many more occasions. The backs, Lawrence and Sloan, worked tremendously hard, as did Gomes in the intermediate line, whilst Quinn made a number of splendid saves after leaving his charge as soon as danger threatened.

HONOURS TO BE DECIDED TO-DAY

Two First Division football games have been arranged for this afternoon. Club are at home to Eastern, and South China "A" meet Police at Caroline Hill. Both games will start at 4.30 p.m.

This will be Eastern's last League game, and they must win if they are to secure the runners-up title.

If South China "A" win this afternoon, and there is no reason to believe that they will not, they will need only one more point from their remaining four games to win the First Division League Championship for the second season in succession and for the sixth time in the past 10 seasons.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION
Royal Navy..... 1 Middlesex..... 0
Le Page.
Eastern..... 1 Royal Scots..... 0
Hau Ching-cho.
South China "B"..... 2 Kowloon..... 0
Kwong Wah..... 2 St. Joseph's..... 1
Lee Yau-tung.
Chow Man-chi.

SECOND DIVISION (Play-Off)
South China..... 3 R. Engineers..... 0
Chan Ching-in.

THIRD DIVISION
R.A.S.C..... 1 International..... 1
Clarke.
Royal Scots..... 5 Electric..... 0
Kane.
12th Hvy. Bty. 7 South China..... 0
Richards & Byers.
Thackeray.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
S. China "A"	12	2	1	1	18	26
Eastern	12	2	2	5	27	18
Kowloon	12	7	3	5	34	33
S. China "B"	12	7	3	5	34	33
R. Navy	12	7	2	3	45	16
Middlesex	12	8	4	4	34	10
R. Scots	12	5	4	7	28	15
Kwong Wah	12	6	2	3	42	14
Police	12	4	5	8	27	13
Club	12	5	2	2	44	12
St. Joseph's	12	4	3	8	26	11

KOWLOON OUTPLAYED BY S. CHINA

At Caroline Hill, South China "B" easily defeated Kowloon by two clear goals, and Kowloon have now practically no chance of being runners-up in the division.

From the start it was evident that Kowloon were badly off form and that South China would have no easy victory, but nobody thought that they would be so completely outplayed. If South China and only taken half of their scoring chances they would have reached double figures, but all the forwards dabbled with the ball in the goalmouth or shot wide. Chan Tak-fai was the greatest offender as on several occasions he had practically an open goal, only to shoot straight at Smith.

The Chinese defence were superb with Yuen Shu completely dominating the Kowloon attack. Even when his partner Han always in position to clear, Lim Tak-pao was outstanding amongst the halves and had White completely bottled. The forward line was very impressive in the middle field, but in front of goal they lost all sense of direction and their runs were very poor. Chung Kun-ping was an appalling footballer on the field and was an ever present source of danger to the Kowloon goal. Both his goals were scored from difficult positions, and it was only his quick thinking and good shooting that enabled him to place them in the net.

Kowloon were very fortunate to leave the field losing by only two goals as their defence was completely over-run and could do little to stop the Chinese forwards. Smith appears to have lost a lot of his confidence and was often guilty of "fumbling" and misjudging the flight of the ball, though the high wind might have been an excuse for this. The two backs, Eastman and Ulrich, were far below standard, both miscalculating and showing little understanding. Dawes was the only half who showed anything like his true form, but he could do little to stop the clever Chinese forwards.

WEAK ATTACK
The forwards were very slow to take advantage of passes that came to them from the halves, and looked completely inexperienced. Castro and Jackson were rarely seen during the former especially receiving very few passes. Kowloon secured several corner kicks but these were wasted by the poor efforts of the wingers to get the ball into the centre. Santos was the only forward who looked as if he might score, but once again lack of support in the final stages of an attack kept him from netting.

Five minutes before the interval Chan Tak-fai and Kwok Yung-keo cleverly took the ball through Kowloon's defence and Kowloon to race the centre for Yung-keo to race through and score. Kowloon's defenders appeared vainly for off-side and if they had tried to stop the man instead of appealing they might easily have prevented him from scoring.

In the second half Maxwell was but received little support from Clarke. As a whole the defence played well, but Smart could not cope with the speed of Castro. Andrews was very steady at left-back, his clearing in particular being a picture to watch.

Internally started with only nine men, but later were reinforced by two players from the line. Wilkinson was the only dangerous forward on view as the remainder of the defence and were hard pressed to stop him. Clarke made many good dashes up the wing, but could not get past the vigilant Bradshaw. Leonard was the mainstay of the defence and worked hard throughout. Fernandes and Tavares cleared well and for the greater portion of the game easily held up the R.A.S.C. forwards.

FIVE GOALS FOR RICHARDS
In their final League game, at Stanley yesterday, 12th Heavy Battery severely trounced South China by the overwhelming score of several goals after leading by three goals.

The outstanding marksman for Gunners was Richards, centre-forward, who netted no fewer than five goals—he missed one—though he was splendidly supported by his inside men, who paved the way for a number of his goals with glorious passes. Byers and Thackeray scored the other two goals.

South China had only one outstanding player, Ho Chi-chung. He tried exceptionally hard but received little or no support from the remainder of the team.

pulled up for fouling the winger and from the resultant free kick Kwong Wah headed into the corner of the net giving Smith no chance of saving.

KOWLOON—Smith; Eastman and Ulrich; Maxwell, Gordon-James and Dawes; Tomashewsky, Santos, White, Jackson and Castro.

S. CHINA—"B"—Sui Tim-tin; Hau Yung-sung and Yuen Shu; Kan Pui-hui, Lim Tak-pao and Luke Tak-hang; Chung Nuh-shing, Yung Kun-pao, Chan Tak-fai, Kwok Yung-keo and Lee Shek-yau.

Service Corps Drop Point

At Caroline Hill, R.A.S.C. lost another very valuable point when they drew with International, each side scoring once. R.A.S.C. had the better of the game, but their opponents could not force home their advantage. The forwards were mainly to blame as countless chances were thrown away. Clarke once went through on his own but when he had only the goal-keeper to beat he sent the ball harmlessly into his hands. This mistake probably cost them the game. Jones, on the left, played a good game and sent over many good centres, his speed causing him to be the biggest danger to the International defence. Clarke, on the opposite wing, was badly off form and rarely bothered to run after the ball. Morgan worked hard

DUNCAN SAVES HIS SIDE FROM MUCH HEAVIER DEFEAT

A GOALLESS first half, a thrill-packed second half played at a very fast pace and a last-minute goal provided the highlights of the Royal Scots-Eastern First Division match on the Club ground yesterday.

By virtue of their win over Royals, Eastern have advanced one place nearer the runners-up position, and their match against Club to-day will decide the issue.

Lau Hin-hon was given very little to do. He was well covered by Kong Seng-keng and Tang Chung-wan, both of whom gave a sterling performance to stop the Royals' forwards from getting within the danger zone.

Woo Chi-tung was at left-half in place of Lo Wai-kuen, who is injured. Together with Hsu King-sing, who has improved considerably since his recent lapse, and Lau Shih-shing, they contributed their share towards stopping the Scots' forwards, and at the same time gave valuable support to their own forwards. Hsu made several of his now well-known spectacular breakaways, and so did Woo, who played well up with his forwards.

Chung Yung-keo was wasted at inside-left. He hardly put a foot right throughout the entire match, being continually robbed of the ball when in possession. Lee Tack-kee was very unfortunate with all his "holes," some of which were beautifully driven. Chung Kam-hoi overdid himself on many occasions, but on the whole fed his men with well-directed passes. Chung Yung-sun showed the same splendid understanding he has established with Chung, and Hau played an other of his grand games, besides securing the winning goal for his side.

DUNCAN BRILLIANT
Duncan gave a brilliant performance in goal. It was mainly due to him that the Royals were beaten by such a narrow margin. That and the fact that Eastern's forwards were slightly erratic in their shooting.

Naymih was guilty of bad positioning and often left more work than was necessary for Fraser, who played a grand game in holding-up Eastern's right flank.

Falconer was easily the best defender and attacker on view. He shot all over the field, spoiling and working like a Trojan to get his forwards going. Simons played a steady game in the first half, but was erratic in his clearances after the interval. Clarke played a very quiet game in the first half, but the second he completely dominated the defence and devoted more time to his forwards.

Hossack was the best forward on view. He was given practically no support and very often had to work on his own. Munro was continually centring out in spite of fine runs all over the field. Fleming combined with Gilroy to form the more dangerous flank. Gordon came in for many shots at goal which, unfortunately, were just out or over.

Late in the second half Eastern launched an attack through Chung, who brought the ball well up before centring right across the goalmouth for Hau to nip in in time to push the ball past Duncan for the only goal of the game.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Tsang Chung-wan and Kong Seng-keng; Hsu King-sing and Woo Chi-tung; Chung Yung-sun, Chung Kam-hoi, Lee Tack-kee, Cheung Yung-keo and Hau Ching-cho.

ROYAL SCOTS—Duncan; Naymih; Fraser, Simons, Falconer and Clarke; Munro, Gordon, Hossack, Fleming and Gilroy.

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SAINTS NET FIRST BUT LOSE

In a game spoiled by poor passing by both sides, Kwong Wah defeated St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three in their First Division match at Boundary Street yesterday.

For St. Joseph's, Reynolds was not as sure and safe in his handling of the ball as usual, the case, though, brought the opposing fine save. The full-backs, Hussain and Bowen, both played good football but spoiled most of their work by not placing the ball up field to the best advantage. Leonard was a tower of strength at pivot, but he was not given very good support by Stevenson and Honnball.

The forward line tried very hard to penetrate the Kwong Wah defence. Maher, right-winger, being very prominent in most of the attacks. Castillo, inside-right, was a source of worry to the opposing defence, but was poor in his passing, which resulted in many good attacks failing when in the penalty area. It is difficult to understand why St. Joseph's persist in playing Nicol at centre-forward instead of at half-back. His talent is wasted in his present position.

CHAU MAN-CHI SHINES
Kwong Wah's custodian, Wong Wah-gay, had an easy afternoon, having only about half a dozen shots to deal with throughout the game. Chung Kai-lam and Kwok Ching-tung combined well in the full-back line and played brilliantly throughout. Their quick and sure tackling kept St. Joseph's at bay for long spells.

The half-back line, comprising Cheung Kin-fat, Lee Kwok-wai and Tse Kam-hung, broke up many good moves by St. Joseph's and the forward line by keeping the ball on the ground when passing and not in the air, as was the case with St. Joseph's.

Chau Man-chi was a fast-moving right-winger, his speed being a source of real danger. His inability to cut in when an opening occurred, however, spoiled some of his better efforts. Lau Fook-chuen, inside-right, was a hard worker and was responsible for many raids. Lee Yam-leung was not all to be despised at centre-forward, being erratic in his shooting.

Early in the second half Chau Man-chi hit the crossbar and followed up to net from the rebound, about 10 yards out.

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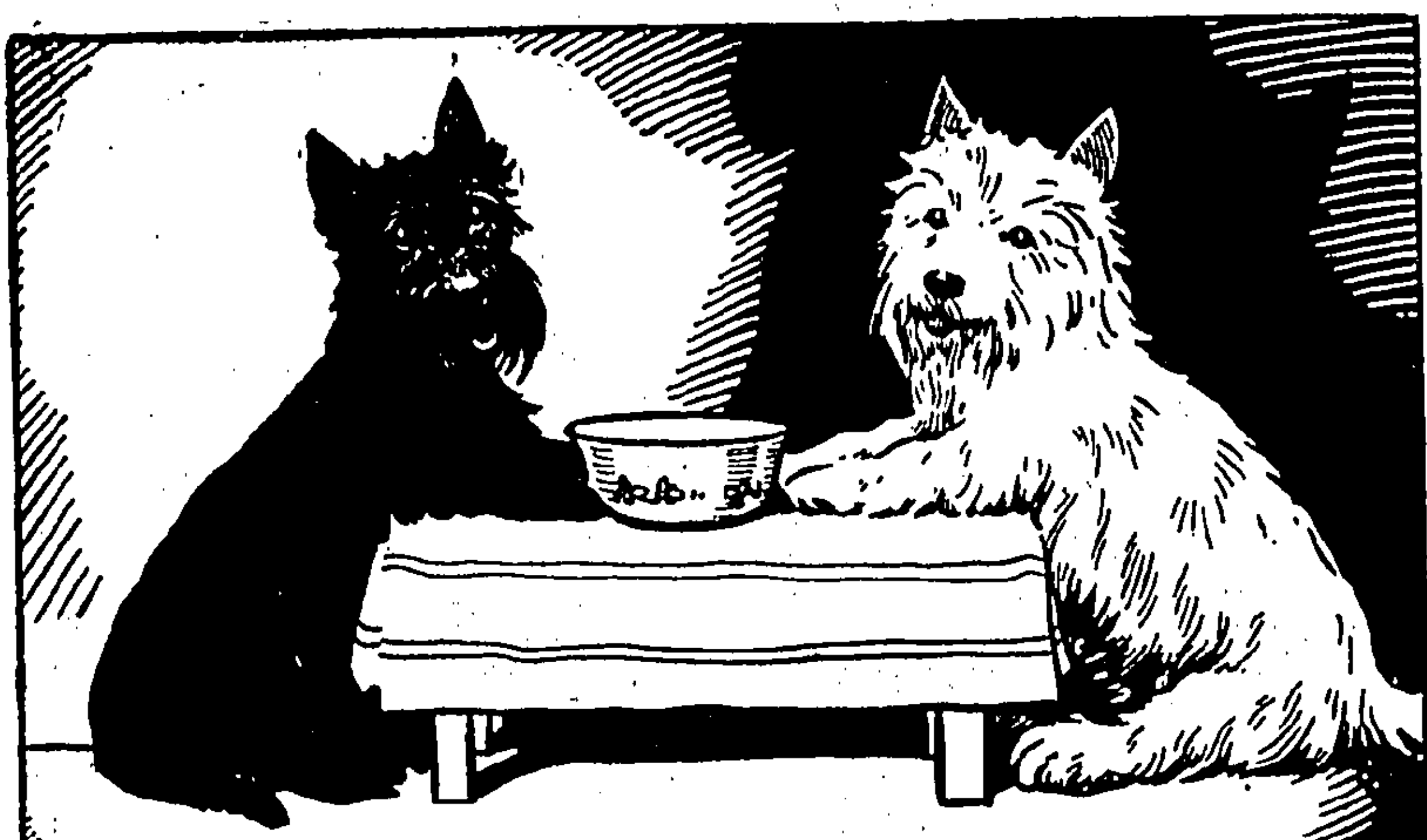
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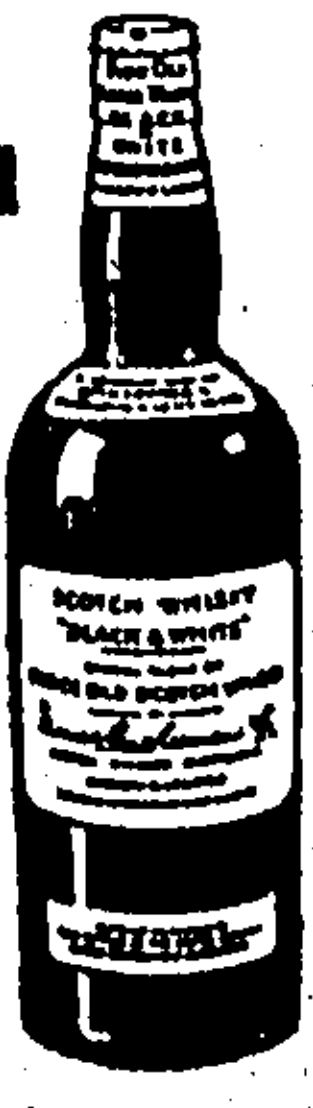
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Mrs. Chester Tells All

By WALTER
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FORTUNATELY Mr. Marks's flat was on the second floor; otherwise he might have been killed. But solicitous friends helped him to his feet, dusted him off and carried him to a reliable hospital, where several doctors examined him with minute care and pronounced him reasonably, even remarkably, free of physical injury.

But they agreed that Mr. Marks needed a rest. The Chester case, they announced, had exacted just a trifle more of him than any single nervous system should be called on to give.

When the jury had returned after deliberating for what even Mr. Marks considered an unnecessarily brief time, declaring Mrs. Chester guiltless of murder, the strain was over all too quickly for Mr. Marks. That is what the doctors said. The jury had virtually exploded Mrs. Chester free.

So they called it a slight nervous breakdown, and Mr. Marks, a bachelor, was bundled off by his friends to the mountains to climb them while shooting odds and ends of big game.

Of course Mrs. Chester had killed her husband. She admitted it. She was her only witness. Taking the stand she told the whole dreadful story, omitting no detail that Mr. Marks had regarded as worth mentioning.

"Gentlemen," crooned Mr. Marks to the jury as his delectable client walked bravely to the witness chair, "this lady will tell a simple, unadorned story. She will, in short, tell all. Our case—this defence—will then close, leaving it to you, gentlemen, to obey your consciences and the instructions of this just and admirable court."

It was noticeable even then that Mr. Marks was a bit weary. Those who knew him best had remarked (privately, of course) that a certain lack of enthusiasm had characterized his references to Mrs. Chester towards trial time. But naturally the jury was not permitted to detect these signs. Given Mrs. Chester to look at, no jurymen could reasonably be expected to focus on Mr. Marks for more than an occasional glance.

So Mrs. Chester, closely but tastefully clad in a black frock which did no harm whatever to her delicious blondeness and which practically dynamited the jury's imagination, told all.

It seemed that Mr. Chester, a persistently and apparently incurably

dull gentleman, had not made good. And this was at once a point in Mrs. Chester's favour.

A man who could not make good in true American fashion for a little woman like Mrs. Chester could not have represented much of a loss to business. Mr. Marks, with that cunning which had made him the famous defender that he was, had seen to it that the jury should consist of men who had made good.

Mr. Chester, by more or less inspired labour in a great and much-murdered bank, had contrived only to rise to a salary of ten guineas a week in seven years. This had annoyed Mrs. Chester; not, however, that she had complained. Indeed, she had never mentioned it—much—until now that she had twelve substantial and understanding gentlemen to confide in.

Mr. Marks, for the sake of his professional reputation if nothing else, was gratified to see how the jury received this information. Their understanding was nothing, short of aggressive, and they exchanged those bold, direct challenging glances common in men who have made good.

Prominent among Mrs. Chester's sorrows was that Mr. Chester had lacked capacity for taking advantage of her desire to help him achieve big things. She informed the jury that it there was one thing she desired above all others it was that she might be a true inspiration and helpmate to a man who knew just how to utilise these priceless aids. But Mr. Chester had been utterly unresponsive.

Life with Mr. Chester had lacked tang. A scheduled monotony was its outstanding feature. Mrs. Chester gave the jury to understand that not once in all her married life had she been surprised. In the mornings he would down a bowl of porridge, two slices of toast and a cup of coffee and make off to the bank, hesitating at the front door only long enough to wonder whether he might need his goloshes.

Never later than eight o'clock he would enter the bank and hurry into its sub-basement. There he took up his post inside a cavernous vault prepared at a moment's notice to hand to any properly accredited messenger £20,000, £100,000, or even £1,000,000 in securities. And these transactions he never failed to jot down in a large book provided by the bank for just that purpose. For this he received his ten guineas a week. He never quite got used to the fact that so much trust should be reposed in a man—and that he should be that man.

These duties the jury chilled to learn, were Mr. Chester's sole topic of leisure talk. Scarcely an evening passed that he did not confide in Mrs. Chester that but a few hours before he had merely lifted his hand—like that, see?—and drawn from an ordinary compartment a small packet of papers around which there was just an ordinary rubber band. "Believe it or not," Mr. Chester would say, "that packet was no thicker than this steak here and only about so long and so wide. Do you know how much that paper was worth, darling?"

Whereat he would purse his lips roughly, thrust his hands deep into his pockets, lift his chair back and scan the ceiling, tolerantly awaiting her hazard. Of course, in time, Mrs. Chester could offer a commendable guess. She could say £20,000, £100,

000 or £1,000,000 and feel pretty safe.

And heaven knows how many times she did it hoping she'd be wrong—that Mr. Chester would rip his hands out of his pockets and smite them together as he exploded the startling news that she had been fooled, that the value of the packet so simply acquired was some astonishing sum like £35 10s. 9d.

But this never happened. After years of it she stopped guessing and confined her replies to avowals that she hadn't any idea what the packet was worth.

She discovered that a correct guess always depressed Mr. Chester. It robbed him of the privilege of saying that she wasn't to be blamed for not knowing.

Even on the first and fifteenth of the month, when Mr. Chester came home with two weeks pay in his

pocket he did not neglect to recite that day's passion in the vault. While Mr. Chester was thus making a life work of the vault, others among his contemporaries were being graduated therefrom into the mysterious aisles of foreign exchange, investments, loans and discounts, and other important phases of banking. Some who had entered the bank with Mr. Chester were now cashiers; and one or two were in imminent danger of vice-presidencies.

Reginald Baynes for example. Mr. Baynes had vanished. Nothing had been heard from him since Mrs. Chester's arrest. This was, of course, a spectacularly interesting aspect of the case, and the newspapers had boldly hinted that he had cleared out with a guilty conscience. But Mr. Marks had silenced all that.

"We shall not seek Mr. Baynes," he said. "We shall have no need for Mr. Baynes. His minor part in this tragedy will be fully revealed by my client at the proper time. My client will withhold nothing—will tell all. I have been informed Mr. Baynes is exerting powerful influences to silence my client, but we are not to be silenced, gentlemen. You will know all."

And Mrs. Chester was now defying Mr. Baynes. Unlike Mr. Chester, with whom he had started his banking career, Mr. Baynes had been making good. Swiftly he had outgrown the vault. He had been promoted and promoted until presently they were all for appointing him to the head of one of the bank's most important branches.

"Mrs. Chester," said Mr. Marks, looking not at her but at the jury, "tell us this. Did you love Mr. Baynes?"

"I know now," sighed Mrs. Chester, "that I did not. I was a woman scorned."

"Ah, yes," murmured Mr. Marks somewhat hastily. "Now will you tell these gentlemen when it was that you last saw Mr. Baynes?"

"It was on the afternoon of November 12—a dreadful, dreadful experience."

"It was indeed," agreed Mr. Marks. "Yes, yes. And where did you see him, madam?"

"In his luxurious suite in the Hotel Beau Temps."

"Does anything else fix that date—November 12—in your mind, Mrs. Chester?"

"That," said Mrs. Chester, producing a black-edged handkerchief from her pocketbook, "was the date of my late husband's passing on."

"Thank you, Mrs. Chester," said Mr. Marks. "And now—will you tell this court why it was that you went to Mr. Baynes's rooms in the Hotel Beau Temps—omitting nothing including the death of your husband?"

With sweet simplicity Mrs. Chester continued to withhold nothing from the jury.

In spite of Mr. Baynes's success in finance, he had never ceased to cherish the Chesters. At least not since he had met Mrs. Chester—a circumstance she revealed with charming modesty.

This friendship did not begin in the vault stage of Mr. Baynes's career, but in a theatre. Mr. Chester had spied Mr. Baynes as he was walking up the aisle between the acts and had hailed him with an unreciprocated enthusiasm. In fact Mr. Baynes had not seemed disposed to stop at all until, glancing at Mr. Chester's left, he beheld Mrs. Chester.



Even Mr. Marks felt like bursting into applause at the way Mrs. Chester told how Mr. Baynes was so complimentary as almost to forget to release her hand, holding it so long that others in the theatre noticed and giggled.

Mr. Chester had laughed outright. But Mr. Chester would. The jury smiled indulgently too. Mr. Marks felt surer than ever that Mrs. Chester didn't need a lawyer—just an audience of men.

After the theatre that night, Mr. Baynes had taken them to a night club, where he and Mrs. Chester danced until two o'clock. Mr. Chester seemed never to tire of telling them how perfectly they complemented each other.

He had been all for trotting off home alone and leaving Mrs. Chester and Mr. Baynes to dance it out. He reminded them, apologetically, that he had to be in the vault at 8 a.m. and that one could not hope to handle millions like that unless the head was clear and the wits sharp. But Mrs. Chester had insisted that her place was at her husband's side, and the party dissolved. Mr. Baynes accepted an invitation to play bridge with them on the following evening.

"And that, Mrs. Chester," said Mr. Marks, "was just how long ago?"

"Three years next month."

"And now, if you please, how often thereafter did Mr. Baynes call at your home?"

"Every week. Sometimes three times a week counting Sundays."

"Always in the evening?"

"Always," said Mrs. Chester, "except Sundays."

"And was Mr. Chester always present?"

"Always," sighed Mrs. Chester, "except Sundays when he was taking a nap. Mondays were big days in the vault he always said, and he wanted to be sure to be rested. But he told Mr. Baynes not to mind but always to remember that our home was his home and—"

"Precisely, precisely," said Mr. Marks. "Please continue, Mrs. Chester, to tell these gentlemen all—including Sundays."

A particularly alert newspaper reduced what followed to mathematics, demonstrating that Mr. Baynes had played bridge at the Chester apartment exactly 317 times, thereafter. Also there had been 141 Sundays—afternoons and evenings—when Mr.

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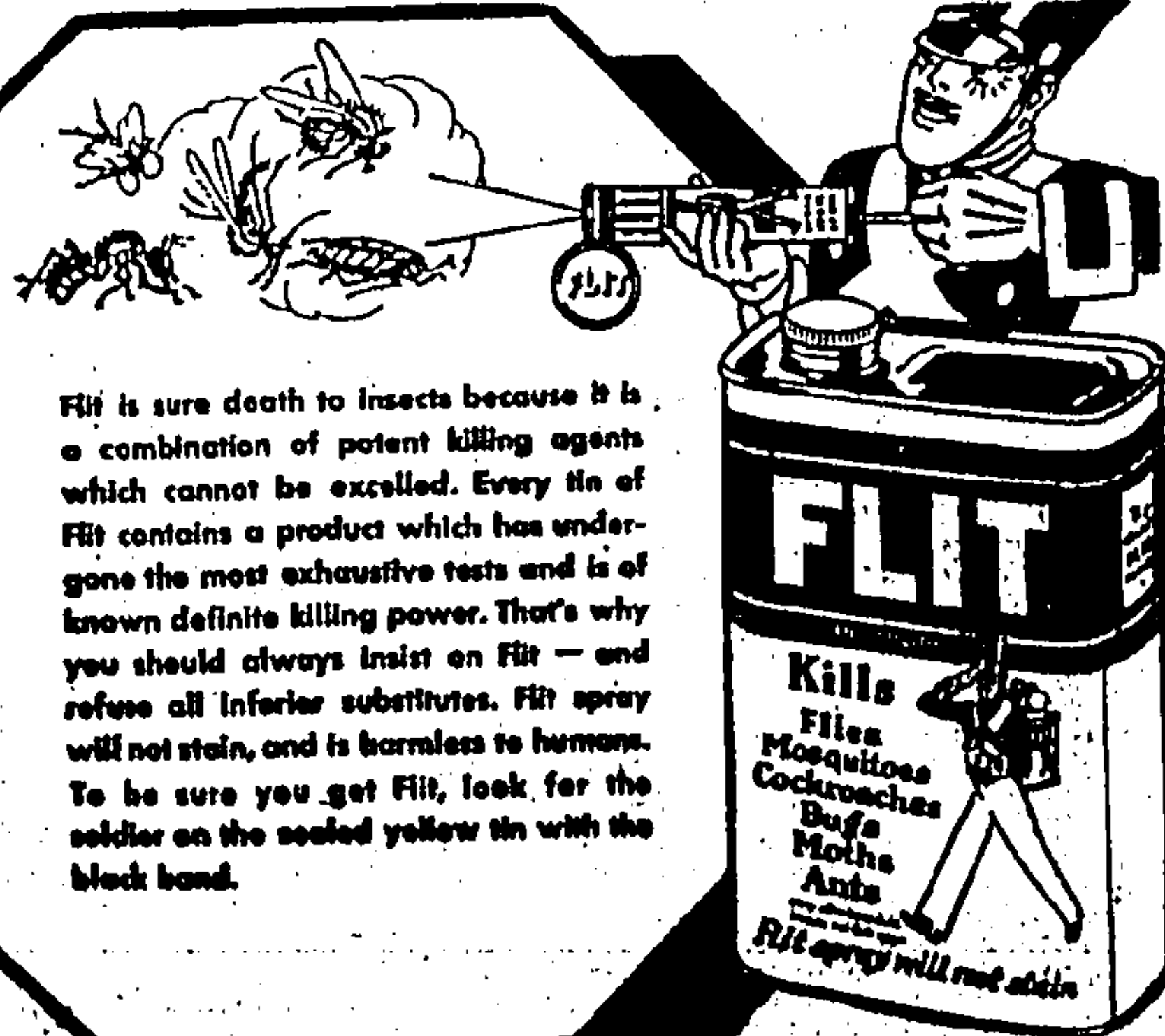
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Dictatorship And Religion

IT is not surprising, when we examine the totalitarian states, to find that the strongest and most absolute dictator governs where religion has been ruthlessly crushed. Stalin has little or no opposition from any organised body like the Church, and consequently he reigns supreme. Litvinoff may be foreign minister to-day but Molotov to-morrow takes his place and anything may happen to Stalin. It is Stalin who decides his fate and that of everyone else.

We do not think of Hitler in quite the same way. It is not easy to imagine Hitler scrapping Goering, for example, or even Ribbentrop, who has proved such an expensive failure as foreign minister, in the same way as Stalin has liquidated so many of his chief advisers. Even Goebbels hangs on and shouts his head off no matter what the policy is. He is a veritable Vicar of Bray; in fact the very prince of brayers.

crime, since there had been oppression, corruption and incompetence of the worst kind in the Government. One looks in vain for such justification in Germany. As in most countries in Europe there was poverty and distress, but there was neither political nor economic oppression. Yet brutality, repression, spying, in fact, all the evils of the Russian system have been multiplied in Germany, with but one-tenth the excuse.

The Russian is an artist, a dancer and all the orders in the world are not likely to make him efficient as an artisan or a soldier. His failure in Finland was as emphatic as it was at Tannenberg, but it was not due to Bolshevism nor to Tsarism. Incapacity better behave herself or we shall take steps to see she does. We are the best of friends with Iran and there's a guarantee of respectability and, as for that idea of marching into India that's all moonshine—a story put out by Germany just to keep Britain and France nervous. No, we are really respectable and well meaning, we have no further claims in Europe or Asia, and we are going to remain neutral."

It's a great pity that the world has grown so sceptical and so cynical, for there is no doubt that Russia means this at the moment. She wants to get her halo back, which communist sympathisers in other places gave her, and which got rather dashed in Finland.

The Nazis on the other hand commit their crime, and then when detected in the act, they get spiteful and vindictive and take it out of the victim whether it be Czechoslovakia, Poland or Austria. They hate to have their crimes exposed. The Bolshevik does not seem to mind, for he is a kind of hardened genial criminal, without any religious scruples. The Nazi is a vicious one. As the Prime Minister says, Hitler cannot vary his technique, but that is to be expected for any one who has studied the way of criminals, knows quite well that each works in a characteristic way. The cat burglar is always a cat burglar, the forger a forger, and so on. The criminal stamps his character on his crime, and thus distinguishes himself as a criminal from others. So it is with Hitler who robs a state of its freedom by making a few friends inside who create a disturbance while he gets away with the booty. Hitler is fairly described then as an international gangster. This is not a picturesque and exaggerated description. It is rather an

understatement of Hitler as a criminal; as the standard of intelligence among criminals is low, their crimes become stereotyped and finally they get caught.

Mussolini is, of course, the least dictatorial of the dictators. We do not now hear of castor oil. The reason is that Mussolini has had to compromise with the Church. Only so long as he can conciliate the Church can he hold the title of Duce. The totalitarian state is not complete so long as the Church functions as a church, for it means that there is a loyalty beyond the Fuehrer and the Duce. If they are accepted as ultimate then the people have forsaken their church. The weaker the church the more powerful the dictator. In the middle ages the church could bring a king into line by laying an interdict and forbidding obedience to him. There is not that power to-day, but authority has not altogether disappeared.

Stalin would no doubt be indifferent to threat of excommunication, Hitler would be dubious while Mussolini would be very worried.

It is inevitable that the aim of the dictator should clash with that of the Christian Church for the latter demands that the individual should be respected by the Government as a separate being and therefore significant and important in the eyes of God.

The Church cannot look with approval on a government which seeks to make the state great and powerful and the citizen small and unimportant.

That however is precisely the object of the Nazi system, which claims undivided loyalty and whole-hearted effort exclusively for the state. It has been said by Hitler that the last war was lost because there was not this acceptance of the state as the all-sufficing object of adoration, worship and service, and since he came into power every effort has been made to make it so, but he has not quite succeeded, and it is because of the stand taken by pastors like Niemoller that he has not done so. (Copyright Reserved).

BY "CIVIS"

HITLER then is not so much the master of his own house as Stalin is, nor has he crushed the opposition to the same degree. That is a harder task, because, in spite of the brutal Nazi efforts during the past seven years, those who were educated before the party came to power are still a stumbling block.

Lenin and Stalin began on virgin soil. The peasants had practically no educational system and were easily indoctrinated with communism and atheism twenty-three years ago. The others were liquidated or purged, that is, either driven out or shot. Nor will there be a change until those who govern get drunk with power or become debauched, incompetent and indifferent.

In spite of this barbarity the dictatorship in Russia, somehow or other has not created the same feeling of revulsion as that in Germany.

It may be because Russia is further away and there is less interest in her. Then, also, she is alien and exotic to the European scheme of civilisation and is not judged by the same standards.

She was definitely backward socially, and ripe for reform, and the elimination of the Russian church was easy because, as a Church, it had not identified itself with the masses of the people. In any case Russia was always more or less of an enigma, whereas Germany always asserted that she was in the forefront of European civilisation and claimed to be judged by it. She had a number of churches—Lutheran, Roman Catholic and the Confessional which were very much alive. There was no religious intolerance and no privileged church exploiting the people.

ONE cannot help feeling, then, that there was some justification for the Russian revolution in spite of its terrible outrages and awful tale of

city to organise and cooperate for victory is part and parcel of his nature. It is inherent. The Slav is an individual artist with the erratic temperament of the artist. He is hard to discipline and still harder to drag on. The German, on the other hand, is by nature cooperative and obedient and requires someone to give the orders. To-day, it is Hitler and his adjutants Goering, Himmler and Hess. What resistance there is to the Fuehrer and his clique is intellectual and religious,—not the kind that leads to active opposition.

In Russia the issue is clearly defined. Stalin is the supreme authority. He has no rival, spiritual or earthly.—L'etat c'est moi, 'The State that's me' is Stalin's as well as Louis the Fourteenth's slogan.

THERE is no pretence about Russia and yet one seems to detect signs after she has committed some particularly nasty offence, of trying to behave in such a way as to give an impression of pained surprise that any one should think that she has done something very wicked. Listen to Molotov as he sits back purring, after the rape of Finland with his eye on the Anglo-French army concentrating in the Near East and says: "Yes, we took what we wanted in Finland, but had we not done so Germany would have gone in. We have clipped the claws of Germany in the Baltic, and done it with her assistance. Could anything be better both for you and for us?"

"Then we in Russia are not helping Germany, not nearly so much as Rumania is. It is not wrong in any case for a neutral to trade with Germany, and, moreover, we would also like to trade with the Allies, if we could. Then we have told Japan—that

MRS. CHESTER TELLS ALL

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Baynes took Mrs. Chester riding in his expensive motor-car while Mr. Chester slept in anticipation of Monday's gruelling juggling of millions.

"And did Mr. Chester ever become jealous?" demanded Mr. Marks.

"Mr. Chester never had any occasion whatever to become jealous," replied Mrs. Chester with spirit. "Mr. Baynes was always the perfect gentleman until—"

"Pardon me, Mrs. Chester. What I mean is, did Mr. Chester ever show signs of regretting that it was Mr. Baynes and not he himself who took you riding of a Sunday afternoon?"

"He did not," said Mrs. Chester. "I would like to say that any woman would be flattered by the attentions I received from Mr. Baynes. But I loved my husband and was very, very fond of him, and told him more than once that if I were a man I would never permit my wife to be taken out by another gentleman, but would get a move on and be a success myself and have my own car and have a little pride about myself and not be laughing stock of—"

"Your purpose in thus addressing your husband," interrupted Mr. Marks heavily, "was to arouse and inspire him. Was that it, Mrs. Chester?"

"Of course. I believe it is a wife's place and duty to be an inspiration and guiding star."

"And what was Mr. Chester's reply when you sought thus in vain to inspire and arouse him?"

"He told me never to forget that Mr. Baynes was a smart man and a very powerful and wealthy one, and that Mr. Baynes could have his pick of women and that I ought to be very proud that a popular man like him was above running around with women but would rather spend his time with his humble friends like us."

The jury was all for closing the case then and there. Any one could tell that at a glance. Mrs. Chester was simply not guilty, no matter what she had done to Mr. Chester.

"So," cried Mr. Marks triumphantly, "So. You were literally being hurled at Mr. Baynes's head. But tell us, Mrs. Chester, did this man Baynes seek to take advantage of your unhappy position? Did he ever make love to you—or try to?"

"Mr. Baynes had always been a perfect gentleman, as successful gentlemen always are," she murmured. "I am not blaming Mr. Baynes, but only myself. Owing to Mr. Chester's position in life I never learned the ways of the world like other women. Mr. Chester could not afford it. So I trusted Mr. Baynes, believing him to be a true friend and companion."

"Ah, yes," agreed Mr. Marks. "And then what, Mrs. Chester?"

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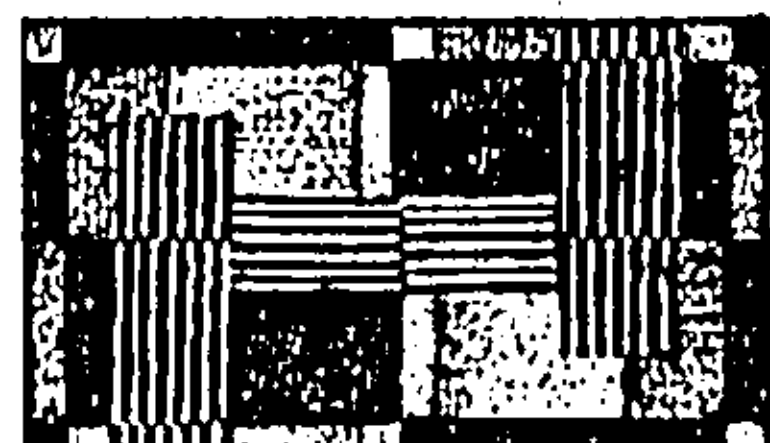
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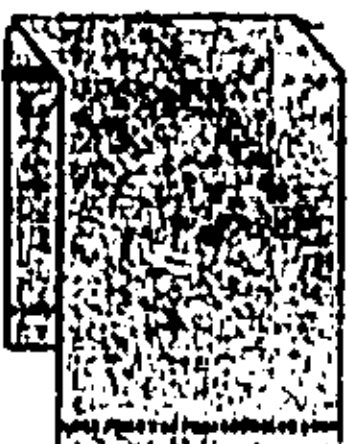
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TAKING THE INITIATIVE

Allied Drive To Stop Up Holes In Blockade Of Reich

RESULTS ALREADY ACHIEVED: MORE COMING

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, Yesterday.
"BRITAIN AND FRANCE will pursue their block-
ade until Germany is compelled to admit that
brutal force cannot impose its law on the
world," declared M. Georges Monnet, French
Minister of Blockade, in a broadcast from
Davenport last night.

M. Monnet added he came to London to discuss
with Mr. Ronald Cross, British Minister of
Economic Warfare, measures to intensify the
contraband control in the immediate future.

He concluded by saying
that substantial results had
already been achieved and
more were coming.

"Britain and France do not intend
to leave the initiative to Hitler," M.
Monnet declared, and added that,
unlike Germany, the Allies would not
vex neutrals. — Havas.

"Emco" Infuriates Germany

BERLIN, YESTERDAY.
THE GERMAN PRESS IS FUR-
IOUSLY ATTACKING THE NEW
BRITISH TRADE COMPANY TO
EXPAND EXPORTS TO SOUTH-
EAST EUROPE.

The Nazi newspapers are doing
their utmost to make the new Gov-
ernment-controlled company ap-
pear a purely wartime measure,
whereas in fact it is intended to be
a permanent institution and was
considered long before the war. —
Reuter.

Ministers Arriving For Conference

London, Yesterday.
Reuter's diplomatic cor-
respondent learns that the
British Ministers to Greece
and Hungary have already
arrived in London.

The Ambassador to Turkey and the
Ministers to Rumania, Yugoslavia
and Bulgaria are expected during the
week-end.

Talks between these diplomatic
representatives and the Foreign
Office, the Ministry of Economic
Warfare and the Board of Trade,
are expected to begin on Monday
and will last almost a week.

They will embrace political and
economic questions aiming at de-
veloping British trade in the Balkans
and the potential of Balkan markets
for German trade. — Reuter.

To Fight For Every Barrel of Oil

London, Yesterday.
Most of this morning's
newspapers deal editorially
with Britain's new mea-
sures for conducting econo-
mic warfare, and approve
the prospects of a new trade
drive in the Balkans.

The Liberal "News Chronicle"
declares: "By pushing our own
trade we will succeed in wooing
Balkan countries from the Nazis."

"We have the advantage in be-
ing able to pay cash for goods de-
livered and thus forcing Germany
to pay a stiff price for anything
she may be able to procure."
In peacetime, says the journal, the
Balkans are Germany's natural
market. Under wise leadership she
might now be enjoying economic
prosperity there, but now she will
have to fight for every barrel of oil
and every ton of bauxite. — Reuter.

RICH GOLD VEIN FOUND IN SIKONG

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A rich gold vein has been
discovered by engineers
working for the Ministry of
Economic Affairs in the
Paiyu district of Sikong
province, says the "Shun
Pao."

The gold is reported to be locat-
ed along the banks of the Nongchi
River, in the vicinity of a lama tem-
ple situated at the foot of the
mountain range.

The local authorities, the report
adds, are inviting merchants to
draw up plans for further pros-
pecting. — Reuter.

GERMAN DEBT SOARS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Berne, Yesterday.

Germany's internal debt soared
from 11 billion marks at the Nazis'
advent to power, to 27 billion marks
in March, 1939, and 41 billion marks
this year, says the Berlin correspon-
dent of the "Neue Zürcher Zei-
tung."

Furthermore, much of the future
revenue has already been spent by
the State which obtained it in the
form of taxation bonds.

Simultaneously inflation is mani-
fested by four billion marks of new
banknotes being put into circulation
in the course of the last two years.
— Havas.

ALLIES' FIRST STEP

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Object is to clarify the Allies' at-
titude on different questions con-
cerning Scandinavian neutrality. —
Reuter.

Swedish Sarcasm

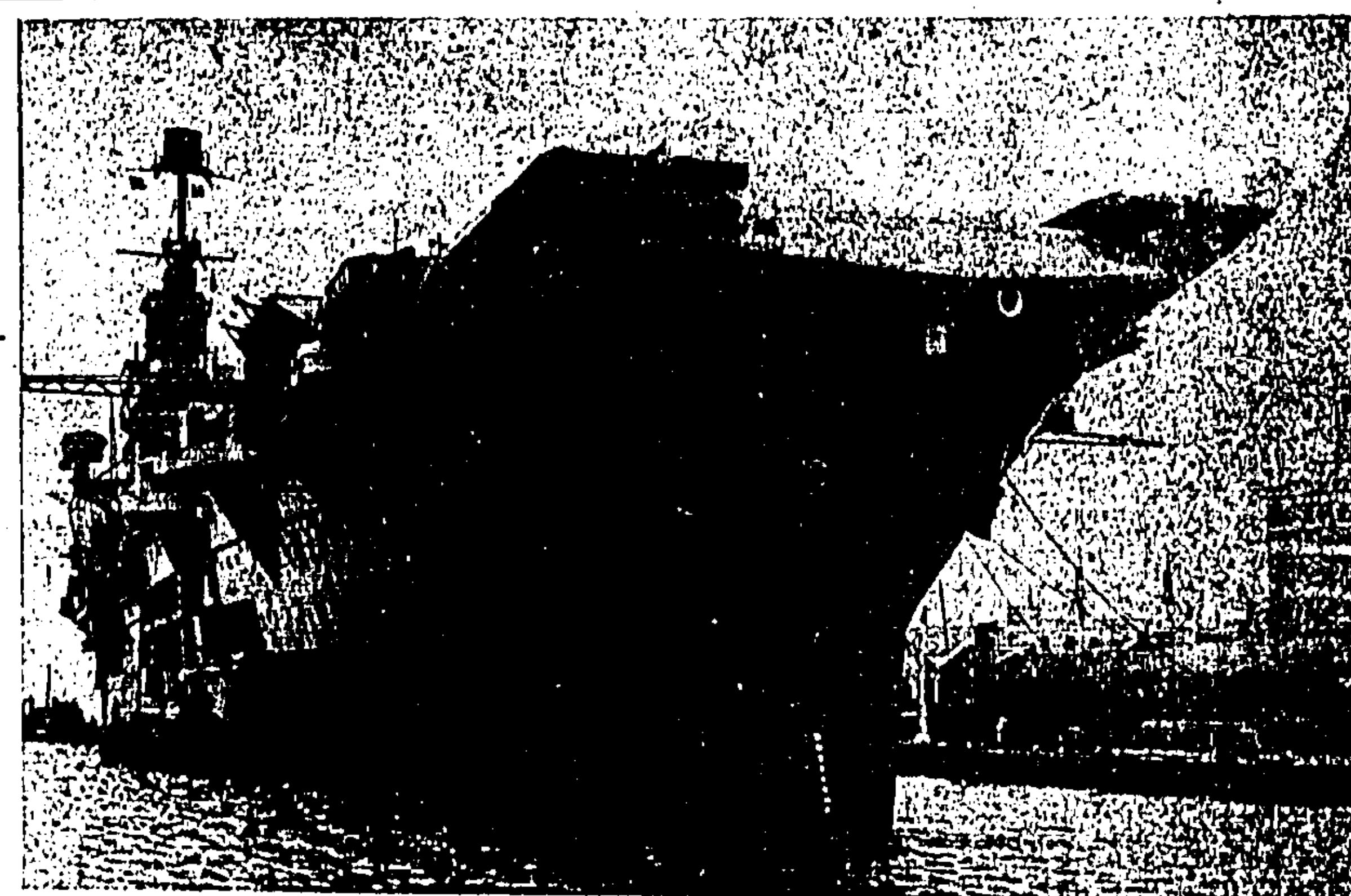
Stockholm, Yesterday.
The "Dagens Nyheter," comment-
ing on the latest Nazi attacks on
neutral merchant vessels, says:
"The German terror continues and is
growing more ruthless."

The paper becomes sarcastic when
commenting on Nazi accusations of
British designs on the neutrals.

The policy of the belligerents, it
says, is illustrated by the German
attacks and British defensive action.
— Reuter.

MORE PRISONERS FROM U-BOATS

London, Yesterday.
A further list of Nazi combatant
prisoners in Britain published last
evening gives the names of four more
members of U-boat personnel. —
British Wireless.



Here is the Ark Royal. H.M.S. Ark Royal at a home port for re-victualling and re-fuelling. Dea-
pilate the Nazi wireless, the White Ensign still floats above her flight deck.

KING OF THE GROCERY

London, Yesterday.
The "News Chronicle" this morning approves
the appointment of Lord
Woolton as Minister of
Food, and at the same
time pays a tribute to
Mr. W. S. Morrison, his
predecessor.

The paper says: "Lord Woolton is
a shop-keeper who is now to run the
nation's shops."

The "Yorkshire Post" refers to
Lord Woolton's term as Warden of
the Liverpool University Settlement,
and says he understands what even
a small rise in the price of foodstuffs
means to a poor household.

The "Manchester Guardian" ap-
peals for economy in food.

EASY SAVINGS
It points out that if each Briton
wastes a slice of bread a day it
means 30 shiploads of wheat a year.
"If each Briton gave up the
habit, when making tea, of 'one
for the pot,' it would save 60
shiploads a year."

"We are not suffering from a food
shortage in this country," the paper
says; "In fact, we still indulge in the
lazy habits which come from having
too much food." — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT REMINDER

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

WASHINGTON, YESTERDAY.
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION IN THE GREAT
WAR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
SENT A MESSAGE TO THE OF-
FICERS AND MEN OF THE AMER-
ICAN ARMY.

"In September last I asked you to
strengthen our national defences up
to the limits provided for peacetime.
You responded splendidly to my
appeal."

"Garrisons in our insular posses-
sions have especially revealed ex-
ceptional energy in their efforts to
perfect the far-away defences of our
country, and were most efficient." —
Havas.

GERMAN CLAIM

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Berlin, Yesterday.
Fifteen Allied soldiers were killed
on Wednesday when German shock
troops dislodged a French outpost
on the Western Front, says the Ger-
man High Command communique.
This occurred near Saarbrücken. —
Havas.

SAFE FOR SIX MONTHS

It was officially indicated
yesterday that assessment tax
forms under the new War Re-
venue Bill are unlikely to be
sent out for at least six months.
It was also made clear that
the taxes for 1940-41 will be
charged upon earnings during
the year 1939-40.

IMPETUS FOR COAL INDUSTRY

London, Yesterday.
The Mines Department has set up
a Coal Production Council with
Lord Portal as Chairman, to increase
Britain's coal exports, maintain sup-
plies for home consumption and pro-
mote a big increase in output.
The Council will include three re-
presentatives each of the owners and
the workmen with representatives
from the Mines Department and the
Ministries of Transport and Ship-
ping.

The "Manchester Guardian" says:
"We are managing the affairs of the
coal industry a great deal better in
this war than we did in the last."
The Coal Production Council is an
addition to an industrial machine al-
ready well organized and closely con-
trolled. The industry has set a valu-
able example of co-operation be-
tween owners and miners and in the
principle of equal representation on
the Council. We may soon find that
similar Production Councils or their
equivalent will be needed in other
exporting industries. — British
Wireless.

CHEKIANG OBJECTS

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Payment in foreign exchange for
exports to Shanghai of timber, pa-
per, egg products and tobacco leaves
from Wenchow, in east Chekiang,
is ordered as compulsory by the
Chekiang provincial government,
states the "Shun Pao."

The Chamber of Commerce at
Yungchia has appealed to the Min-
istry of Finance, pointing out the
order will ruin the export trade
upon which the rural prosperity of
east Chekiang depends. — Reuter.

URUGUAY LIMITING OIL BUNKERING

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Montevideo, Yesterday.
The Government has issued a de-
ree limiting to 900 tons the maxi-
mum amount of heavy-oil foreign
vessels will be allowed to purchase
while in Uruguayan ports. — Havas.

BISHOP SAYS:

I KNOW THESE DICTATORS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

New York, Yesterday.

The public is showing
keen interest, which is
kept up by sensational
press stories, in the trial
of seven members of the
Christian Front.

They are charged with plotting
against the security of the State and
with stealing arms and ammunition
from Government arsenals.

Main figure at the trial, which
opened yesterday, is William
Gerald Bishop, who pretends that
he co-operated during the Great
War with Lawrence of Arabia in
romantic work among the desert
tribes.

I WAS A NAZI SPY

Later on, he claims, he did Intel-
ligence work for an unnamed power
in Belgium and Britain and served
as General Franco's private secretary
during the Spanish Civil War.

He also says he acted as inter-
preter for Mussolini.
Only confirmation of his statements
is given by the fact that he was ex-
pelled from Belgium and Britain. —
Havas.

DEVELOPMENT IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Tientsin, Yesterday.
The Japanese this year will re-
cruit 1,400,000 coolies for despatch to
Manchukuo, indicating a 600,000 in-
crease over last year.

Special agencies established in
Tientsin and Tientsin are already
sending daily northward 1,000 coolies
who fill every train and steamer
bound for Manchukuo. — Havas.

THE SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

The entire population of Cheung
Chau was awakened at about 11
o'clock last night by the explosion of
a mine.
The blast was felt with unusual
force on the mainland and in Hong
Kong.
It exploded south-west of Cheung
Chau.
No damage to property was re-
ported last night.

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